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Hague told 'win or you're out'

HE THREAT to William Hague BY ANDREW GRICE s Tory leader grew last night s his party's whips launched desperate attempt to head off goves by his MPs to sack him. Ir Hague has lost the support f leading figures on the 1922

committee of Tory MPs, whose executive committee has a cru-ber of the executive told The Inrial role in deciding his fate. After two weeks of turmoil over the leadership's rejection of a Tbatcherite, free-market

Political Editor

unless the party gained more than 1,000 seats in next Thursday's local elections.

The desperation in Tory ranks was shown when a memdependent Mr Hague could be deposed though there was no obvious successor in the wings.

Edward Heath in 1975; no one expected Margaret Thatcher to come through."

There is a haemorrhage of support for Mr Hague at Westminster despite his attempt to quell the rehellion when he made an unscheduled address to his MPs on Wednesday.

The 10 Opposition whips began telephoning Tory MPs in an attempt to prevent them de-"He is not going to make it serting him. One Tory insider survival is threatened. approach to public services, and he has got to go," the se-Tory grandees warned they nior Tory said. "We will sort out worse than John Major's in would move against Mr Hague who replaces him later. It is like 1995, when he resigned the with its dismal opinion poll rat- will press the panic button."

challenge from John Redwood. "Major had a hard core of loyalist MPs; William does not. He

doesn't have any credit in the

hank. A lot of MPs are neutral." Party rules state Mr Hague would have to lose a vote of confidence among his 162 MPs before a leadership contest was triggered. But Mr Hague's allies admit privately that his

Tory officials predicted the party will gain 500 seats, in line than in the 1997 election, they

party leadership and beat off a ings, in next Thursday's council elections.

But many Tory MPs believe the party will have to gain between 1,000 and 1,200 seats to show it is "hack in the race". If the party fails to make such gains, a repeat of the results in a general election would unseat

"This is about self-preservation," one Tory fronthencher said last night. "If the MPs think we will do even worse

There was no sign of the Tory turmoil abating yesterday, despite Mr Hague's attempts to A prominent Tory grasscontrol the controversy provoked by Peter Lilley, his deputy; who enraged Tory MPs

to play in health, education and welfare. There was growing specu-lation that Mr Lilley would lose the deputy leadership - and his responsibility for party policymaking - when Mr Hague reshuffles his Shadow Cabinet

last week by saying the free

market had only a limited role

after the European Parliament elections in June.

roots activist, Eric Chalker, deputy chairman of the Charter Movement, which campaigns for greater democracy within the party, said ordinary party members "struggled" to support Mr Hague and there should be a leadership contest before the general election. He said: "It will be very difficult to summon up the belief that William Hague is ever going to be able to lead us to victory."





One of the youngest of the ethnic Albanian refugees arriving at East Midlands airport from Macedonia yesterday evening

He lost his home, hid for a month, then saw his family killed yards from safety

THE AVDIU family was nnly FROM STEVE BOGGAN yards from safety when the in Macedonia landmine exploded. Ibrahim Avdiu remembers only a flash, a bang and then the sounds of moaning and screaming from his wife and daughter and the others who were shredded by its blast. Stumbling around in eldest child, and found that she was bleeding heavily from her right leg. His wife, Minire,

was wounded in three places but she was to live. Zejnete, and four others, died. The tragedy unfolded in the early hours of Wednesday at the border between Kosovo and Macedonia. Mr and Mrs Avdiu, Zejnete and their other children - Arta, 10 and sevenyear-old twin boys, Arnen and Ardzend - were among a group of 68 people making their way intn Macedonia after being forced from their bomes by

Serb paramilitaries. Like many before them, they risked going over an unofficial

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of the man believed to be

the Brixton nail bomber

border crossing to avoid being herded into the increasingly overcrowded refugee camps in Macedonia. But it was a gamble that was to cost them dearly. "We were nearly there," said

the darkness and the panic, he Mr Avdiu yesterday. "Then an reached for Zejnete, at 12 his old man in front stood on the mine and it went off. I don't remember much; it was so confusing. There was an explosion and a flash of light.

"Zejnete was bleeding heavily from ber right leg hut there was nothing we could do. I can't describe the scene to you. It was horrible, I did my best for the nther seven who were injured, but we could not stop the bleeding from Zejnete's leg. The nearest town was 20km away. We just had to wait there with the injured in the hope that someooe would find us. Eventually, at 8.30am, a Macedonian army patrol came by and got the wounded out of

there. But it was too late for my

am 95 per cent certain she would have lived if we could

have found help sooner." Mr Avdiu was trudging through the hilltop village of Upper Blace where he had just buried Zejnete. Clutching a twin hy each hand as his other daughter walked abead, he looked dishevelled, exhausted and in shock. Neither he nor his

daughter. She hled to death. 1 "We walked for 18 hours to agency (UNHCR) is growing the border. She was very upset make it to the border." said Mr Avdiu, 39, a builder.

"I have a brother in Skopje and I wanted my family to be able to live with him. I am numb at the moment. I feel in trauma. She was my first born, a happy girl with long blond hair. It hasn't sunk in vet."

Mr Avdiu named three of the other dead as Osman Jezerci.

Further reports

Lawrence Freedman B Deborah Orr

children cried; they were too 62, Rahija Kuka. 23 and a 45traumatised. In any case, the

The family had been in hiding for four weeks in an abandoned house in the village of Lanista after being forced from their own home of Kacanik.

Zejnete was in hospital.

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year-old man he knew only as youngsters had been told that Sakip. Mrs Avdiu was described as stable in hospital at Tetovo. an hour outside the capital of Skopje, but some of the others are thought to he in a more

serious condition The United Nations refugee

der we find people spilling out of Kosovo through other areas." said Paula Ghedini, a UNHCR spokeswoman. "But the whole area is heavily mined and very difficult for us to get to."

increasingly concerned about

the dangers of landmines as

more refugees try to avoid the

official border at Blace. "When

there is a blockage at the hor-

Across the valley from Upper Blace, where Mr Avdiu waited for a hus to Skopje, was Lower Blace. From here, l'ugoslav forces could be seen, just a few hundred yards away, after shelling the Kosovo village of Rezalce. Ismail Bakdi, a 30year-old ethnic Albanian farmer, had heard the tanks in the morning and called his

"It was her village," he said. "She is from over there and I am from bere, but the border never used to matter. We used to go to the same school, the General Jankowic School, and walked to meet each other over

wife, Arife, to watch.

when she saw her village burning but at least there was no one in it. They left four weeks ago." At that point, Mr Bakdi

stopped speaking, to remonstrate with two Macedonian neighbours who were shouting threats about killing foreign jouroalists. Outsiders are becoming increasingly unwelcome among the normally hospitable Macedonians, who feel some sympathy with the civilian Serbian population, something that Mr Avdiu will discover wheo he finds his hrother in Skopje.

The capital is only half an hour from the grave where Zejnete was laid to rest with another of the victims, Miradide Kukaj. The graves are in a high, heautiful location overlooking the Sar Planina mountain range. It was hright and clear yesterday and, standing beside the mound of earth that covers her coffin, you could see smoke rising from the rooftops of Rezalce.

UK accused on refugees

AS A SECOND group of Kosovo BY CHERRY NORTON AND refugees arrived in Britain IMRE KARACS in Berlin from Macedonia yesterday, Germany accused the UK of shirking its responsibilities in the crisis.

About 160 refugees landed at East Midlands airport last night, including 18 said to be in oeed of medical treatment.

The refugees were divided into two groups and taken by hus to two reception centres, one in Derbyshire, the other in Leicestershire.

were expected to be housed in school near Chesterfield. The British Red Cross.

in Leeds city centre.

the hurden of looking after refugees. Germany has already volunteered to take 10,000 Kosovars and there is talk of doubling number.

a former residential special just incredible.

Last night's influx follows the arrival in West Yorkshire at the weekend of about 160 refugees, mostly women and children. They are heing housed in two nursing homes

A leading German politician yesterday accused both Britain and France of failing to share fulfil their pledges."

Peter Struck, parliamentary leader of the ruling Social Democrat Party, told the newspaper Bild: "We have completely fulfilled our obligations and expect the other European Union natioos to follow suit. England Those taken to Derbyshire and France especially have not taken a single refugee. That's

Although Mr Struck's reother group was expected to be marks were incorrect. Germans accommodated in a hotel on the suspect they will end up taking outskirts of Leicester run by the in the vast majority of Balkan

> More than all the people fleeing the wars in Croatia and Bosnia from 1991-95 ended up Germany, including 350,000 from Bosnia

Mr Struck said: "We cannot talk about taking more refugees until the other European states

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Bin Laden on move Osama Bin Laden, US bombing suspect, said to be moving to Somalia **Business P17** Hollywood rival

Kevin Keegan

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Ragdoll to riches

Teletubbies creator and

children's TV supremo

"[We could] carpet bomb Serbia into submission in a few days. But carpet bombing is not legal or morally justified

George Robertson, aboord HMS Invincible | Jamle Sheo, Noto spokesman |

"All Milosevic is doing is further isolating himself from the rest of the political elite inside Yugoslavia and...refusing to come to terms with reality"

"Beigrade must stop its suicidal policies of confrontation with the whole world and look for a political solution"

> Milo Djukanovic. President of Montenegro | Macedonian Interior Minister

"It is totally irresponsible of the UNHCR to ask for new camps without paying attention to the consequences for our country"

Pavie Trajonov,

"Yugoslavia is ready to accept a civillan mission under a United Nations flag

Borislav Milosevic, Slobodan Milosevic's brother and ambassador to Russla

"The stakes are very high now for the entire world. Either law and order will be restored, or the unlimited force of one country will rule the world"

Boris Yeltsin

Russians take peace plan to Belgrade

NEGOTIATIONS BY RUPERT CORNWELL

RUSSIA'S SPECIAL envoy Viktor Cbernomyrdin was on his way to Belgrade last night with what he termed "concrete proposals" to end the Kosovo war. hut Western governments remain profoundly sceptical that

any hreakthrough is at hand. Before his discussions with Slobodan Milosevic. the former Russian Prime Minister held talks in Bonn with the German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder. Both claimed to detect "movement" on the diplonuatic front hut Mr Schröder warned: "This is the beginning

of a process, not the end." The deputy US Secretary of State Strobe Talbott was even gloomier yesterday in Brussels, where he met Nato ambassadors. He said there was very very bard work to be done" before Russia and the allies reached a common position, let alone an overall settlement with President Milosevic.

Three basic issues have to be resolved before agreement: the terms on which Nato would stop bomhing, the make-up of the future Kosovo peacekeeping force, and the shape of the administration of a post-war

Like Belgrade, Moscow insists - and Insisted again yesterday - that nothing can happen until the air strikes stop. But the key Nato countries are sticking to the tetter of their summit communique in

Washingtoo last weekend. . That stated there would be no end to the bombing antil Belgrade has "unequivocally" accepted its five demands, and "demonstrably" begun to withdraw its forces "according to a precise and rapid timetable".

peacekeeping force is, if any thing, an even more intractable problem. The alliance demands ganisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Osce), and bolstered by a substantial

Russian contingent. Nato suggested it may be moving towards a common position with Moscow. But. despite Mr Chernomyrdin's claims last week, it is anything but clear whether Mr Milosevic has accepted an armed international force for Kosovo or - even if be has - what precisely he means

Viktor Chernomyrdin: A Russian plan for peace

by the term. The sacking of his deputy premier, Vuk Draskovic, after he acknowledged that acceptance of a UN force with a Nato component in Kosovo might he inevitable, suggests hardliners are firmly in command of Mr Milosevic's gov-

The si prepared to go much beyond a lightly armed, effectively civilian force - a "KVM with sideit must be Nato-dominated and arms," it is being called, after in practice Nato-led, eveo if the 2,000-strong Kosovo Verifitechnically under the aegis of cation Mission of monitors sent the United Nations or the Or- in after the ill-fated ceasefire Kosovo.

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agreement of October 1998. There would be next to no Nato

Indeed, Borislav Milosevic, the President's brother and Yugoslavia's ambassador to Russia, almost taunted the West yesterday by listing candidate countries alongside Russia to take part. He suggested: "Let's say India, Belarus, per-haps Cyprus; Namibia, Algeria, perhaps other Arab and Latin American countries, Argentina, Cuba." He flatly excluded any Nato member which had taken part in the bombing.

Complicating matters further is confusion over Russia's own stance. There has been no word on precisely what sort of force Moscow favours, nor its attitude to placing Kosovo under some form of UN mandate, a step which would re-quire a Security Council resolution that could be blocked by a Russian veto.

Nato officials also detect tensions between the Foreign Ministry under Igor Ivanov, and President Yeltsin's representatives led by Mr Chernomyrdin, who has been regularly more upbeat about the prospects for a deal.

The signals from Moscow have been conflicting," a senior British official said last night. "But you never know with Milosevic," he added, trying to find a chink of hope in the prospects facing the Russian envoy.

"He could surprise everyone. After all in the 1995 Dayton talks on Bosnia, Milosevic agreed to give up Sarajevo with its large Serb population, just like that, when no-one expected him to. But we have to be ssimistic on what the Rus-

Tony Blair will visit Albania next week to meet government leaders, and see how international relief agencies are coping with the influx of hundreds of thousands of refugees from



Nato increases air force in Balkans to 1,200 planes

BRITAIN IS to boost its air force strength in the Kosovo conflict by more than 40 per cent as part of a massive escalation of Nato's strike power.

Four extra Tornados, four Harriers and one Tristar will increase the number of RAF aircraft to 29, along with seven Royal Navy Sea Harriers. At esent, 12 Tornados are based at the Gioia del Colle airfield in Italy with a further eight at RAF

British planes came as Nato's - eraft carrier HMS invincible, Supreme Commander in Eu- stationed in the Adriatic Today, rope, General Wesley Clark, he is expected to fly to Tirana huilds up a massive air armada to continue attacking the Rexhap Mejdani, and his gov-Serbian military machine. He has asked Nato countries for total number of aircraft to around 1,200.

The fresh batch is likely to be used along new bomb corridors a key role in enforcing any futhat have become accessible to Nato since Romania and Hungary agreed to open their air

REINFORCEMENTS BY KIM SENGUPTA

space to Nato last week. The agreements will allow allied commanders more flexibility in missions aimed at the heart of Serbia and Kosovo. George Robertson, the Sec-

retary of State for Defence, announced the British deployment during a visit to Giola del Bruggen in Germany. Colle yesterday afternoon.
The announcement of extra From there he flew to the airto meet the Albanian President, ernment, as well as visiting al-

lied troops and a refugee camp. British ships in the area, HMS Newcastle, fron Duke and the submarine Splendid, will play ture naval blockade to block Yu-

goslavia's fuel supplies. Mr Robertson was accom-

the whole of Nato. But he has miscalculated. He may be obstinate enough, cussed enough or suicidal enough to think panied on the trip by the shad-Nato will go away, but not all his ow Foreign Secretary Michael people feel the same way. You Howard, the Tory defence can carpet bomb Serbia into spokesman John Maples, the submission in a few days given Liberal Democrat spokesman the air power we have. But caron defence and foreign affairs pet bombing is not legal or morally justified." Menzies Campbell, and Bruce

The Secretary of State criticised the "smart alecs, armchair generals, and massed regiments of columnists" who criticised the allied war efforts with the benefit of hindsight. He added: "Very soon we shall be bombing, but Nato commanin Kosovo. I feel what we uncover will horrify people and prove all of this justified."

Asked whether a naval together with Serbia makes up Yugoslavia, would lead to a confrontation with Russia, Mr Robertson said: "We'll see. hut the Russians have not tried to provoke any confrontation up until now.

BRIEFING: DAY 37

Families in the United States have offered to take in 1,500 ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo. The US agreed earlier this month to take up to 20,000

refugees. Yugoslavia filed a World Court case against 10 Nato alliance members, claiming their bombing campaign hreaches international law. Yugoslavia also asked the 15-judge court, the UN's highest judicial body, to call a halt to the campaign while the case is being considered - a process which can take years. Austria has agreed to take 5,000 more refugees and speed up airlifts from Macedonia in a bld to help the . problem of overflowing refugee camps. Austria has already admitted S,000 refugees. UNHCR has called for countries to cut down on bureaucracy and speed up evacuations from Macedonia, where refugee camps are overflowing. On Wednesday, 1,593 refugees were evacuated, with the largest groups going to France (S92) and Turkey (263) but this falls well short of UNHCR's immediate target of 2,000 departures a day. A small group of Kosovo Albanians in a Dutch refugee camp has launched a hunger strike in the hope of getting Albanian television broadcasts. The Greek Foreign Minister, George Papandreou, says Athens opposes any Nato ground attack in Kosovo and would not participate in such an

Nato yesterday halted for two hours all flights to or from Tirana's. .. Rinas International. Airport after a sniffer dog found something suspicious in a package for Kosovo refugees. Nearly a hundred front of the Yugoslav Embassy in Croatla demanding the release of one of their colleagues jailed in

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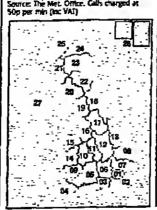
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weeks of air strikes will be

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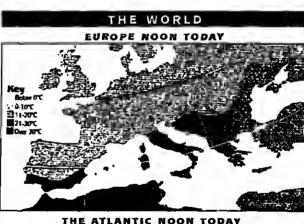
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MORE THAN 100,000 people will face starvation and thousands of cattle will die in Somalia if the May rains fail this year, according to the United

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Nations. The UN World Food Programme has warned that the rains' failure will inflict suffering on the nomadic people in the north-east of the country. On Tuesday the WFP delivered 335 tons of food to the area as part of 1,500 tons earmarked for the 100,000 people there.



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UK taking too few Kosovars, say Germans

CLARE SHORT, the International Development Secretary, clashed angrily with MPs yesterday when they said the Government should be "ashamed" it had accepted so few refugees from Kosovo.

As a second planeload of refugees arrived, bringing the total number to just over 300. the Commons International Development Select Committee attacked the United Kingdom's failure to take in more families from the war zone.

Ms Short, who raised the humanitarian crisis in Macedonia and Albaoia at the cabinet did not want to come." We may

meeting, hinted that more aid would be made available soon to ease the problem.

She said that it was clear that the United Nations High Commission for Refugees could not cope with the crisis and revealed that a special Home Office team was being flown out to the region in the next few days to provide extra

However, Ms Short infuriated MPs when she insisted that the reason so few ethnic Albanian refugees had been flown to Britain was that they simply

think they want to come here, but they are desperale to reunite with their families. It's not the case that Britain is not accepting them, most people don't want to come here," she said.

Ms Short added that the reason Germany had taken so many refugees was because it already had a large ethnic Albanian population, unlike the UK. Germany has already accepted 10,000 Kosovars and is debating whether to take in another 10,000. Germany took in 350,000 Bosnian refugees during the 1992-95 war in the forTHE REFUGEES

BY PAUL WAUGH

Ms Short said the British Government had decided that there was "no upper or lower limit" to the number of Kosovars it would take, she said. But Britain would not set a quota because that would be seen as complicity with the Serbiangovernment's policy of ethnic cleansing.

Ann Chryd, Labour MP for Cynon Valley and one of the harshest critics of government

policy, said she agreed with Amnesty International that the UK's acceptance of so few refugees amounted to "shameful tokenism".

Ms Clwyd said that it was clear the UK had not even appeared on the list of countries given to refugees applying for airlift places. Last week, the word England had been added -in Biro - on to the forms hand-

that most people were sur-prised that Britain had failed to match the commitment of such countries as Germany

and Norway. People are feeling a little ashamed that we appear not be be taking enough people into this country. I can't believe that we can't devise some sort of getting these people who want to come to Britain," she said.

The Local Government Ashad 3,000 beds available across the country, so there was no

Jenny Tonge, Liberal De-mocrat MP for Richmond, said should not be admitted, she 300,000 refugees, which neede

The committee, which has just returned from a factfinding mission in the Balkan region, told Ms Short that more needed to be done to help Macedonia to cope with the refugee crisis.

Tess Kingham, MP for Gloucester, said that the ethnic tensions in the country, which has a large Albanian minority of its own, made it a "powder sociation had announced that it keg" that would explode unless

more aid was forthcoming. However, Ms Short said that

300,000 refugees, which needed more help than Macedonia and she would not succumb to "a sort of blackmail" from the Macedonian government's warnings that it was reaching breaking point.

Macedonia has accepted more than 200,000 refugees and has warned it may collapse unless the West injects at least £300m to offset a hudget deficit caused by the war and take in far larger oumbers of refugees from the camps situated

around the capital, Skopje. Thomas Sutcliffe, page 8

Twenty soldiers, a young wife, and ordeals in the name of war

ATROCITIES BY EMMA DALY in Kukes AND MARCUS TANNER

"THERE WERE about 20 sol- ual services, sometimes in the

diers and they ordered me to middle of the night. make coffee for all of them, and after that they ordered me to clean the place and to sweep it. : 2 I cleaned it all and then they told me to take off my clothes."

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Zyrafete Trolli was describing one episode in the three days of humiliation and terror endured by several hundred Kosovo Albanian women beld prisoner by the Serbs in the village of Dragacina. It is with enormous fear and

hesitation that these women bave broken the traditional taboo that forbids any discussion of sex to repeat their experience at the hands of the Serbian police.

But some women in the refugee camp at Kukes in northern Albania have told the organisation Human Rights Watch, and other aid workers, in some detail of the clinical mechanical way they were imprisoned and sexually abused.

The ordeal began on 21 April when about 200 women and elderly men from Mujlan, Dujle and Dragacina, three adjacent villages near the town of Suva Reka, were herded by Serbian Interior Ministry police into a field. In accordance with now established practice, the Serbs separated the women from the old men (the younger men having fled) and took the men off to an unknown destination. The women were then locked up in three huildings in Dragacina where the younger, prettier ones were singled out for sex-

One woman, aged 29, whose name has been withheld by the organisation, told Human Rights Watch that she was selected from the group and taken off from the main building to a smaller room in a separate building. There she was ordered to take ber clothes off. Five members of the security forces stood watching in the room as she undressed, though only one bad sex with her. The other four left the room and shouted at ber while she was being raped through a walkietalkie which they had left under the bed.

A second woman who was older and who was not raped said the Serb police came into their compound in the middle of the night and flashed torches into their faces.

When they found the type they wanted they shouted at her. "You come with us." The woman

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told to put her clothes on and older woman: "Don't ask me anything." just serve them coffee.

Zyrafete Trolli told journal-Other women said they were stripped and forced to serve ofists: "I was standing naked while the soldiers came in and ficers in the nude. One woman. aged 23, said that she was put out of the room to look at me. oo a bed with a young Serb They stripped me and sprayed soldier, both of them naked, me with perfume. I began to cry. while the commanding officer, They asked me, Where is your dressed in uniform, watched husband?", because they were from the corner of the room. thinking he was in the mountains with the KLA, but then According to the report, the they saw the phone number I commanding officer was lying

with his cap on about 10 feet had written and realised he is in Switzerland. They told me. You away from the woman and the soldier. The man touched her must phone your husband and breasts but did not force her to tell him to bring us money." Some rights officials in touch him. "I just kept crying all the time and pushing his hands Kukes suspect that the phrase away," she told the rights "making coffee", which many of group. "Finally he said to me, the women mention, may in fact 't'm not going to do anything." be a euphemism for far more

> Their suspicions were ar oused when a woman refugee, named as Lire Trolli, said she had been forced to "make coffee" at the point of a gun, while

drastic sexual abuse.

being held down hy three men. The problem is that few of the women will talk openly of their ordeal, or perhaps even admit to themselves what has happened Penelope Lewis of Unicef says that although only three women had told her they were actually raped, when the word went out that Unicef could take them to a gynaecologist,



were taken away, but none of

them will tell exactly what hap-

pened to them," Zyrafete said.

with a large Muslim population,

Serb troops who overran two-

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came back to the building two The commander just stared at several more asked if they thirds of the republic's territo- April, when they were force-hours later and said to the us." In the end this woman was could come. "A lot of women ry in 1992. But later reports marched off to Dujle, where

suggested that 30,000 to 50,000 women were sexually abused and many went through the dilemma of deciding whether to give birth to the unwanted

very lew women would admit to children of an alien army. being raped at the hands of the The sexual abuse of the Kosovo Albanian women ended on 24 They still wonder about the fate

they were detained in a school building for two days without further molestation.

The women were then taken to the border village of Zur, from where they were ordered to walk across the frontier to Albania.

of the 11 elderly men taken by the Serbs, "I saw their jackets by the well," one recalled. "And the Serbs threatened us, saying there was room for more people down the well, so maybe the old men are there."

■ The Human Rights Watch report is available on the Internet at www.hrw.org.



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Rugova: virtual prisoner

Who are the leaders of the Kosovo Albanians? The Kosovars suffer from the fact that their leadership is not united. In the 1980s most of them supported the local

Communist leadership under Azem Vlassi, which wanted ncreased autonomy within After Slobodan Milosevic abolished Kosovo's autonomy in 1989, leadership passed to the non-Communist League for a Democratic Kosovo (LDK), led by Ibrahim Rugo-

va, a writer. This party de-

manded total independence

for Kosovo and financed a

parallel society of schools and

of thousands of Kosovo Albanians working abroad. Although strictly nonviolent, it successfully ordered the population to boycott state institutions and local and pres-

province by levying a tax on

the incomes of the hundreds

idential elections. In the past two years the leadership has split luto many factions. Hardliners in the LDK, tired of Rugova's nonviolent approach, split off and followed the veteran dissident Adem Demaqi into a new party. Middle-class intellectu-

hospitals throughout the thoritarian. Others broke with the LDK over its pacifism by joining a new guerrilla army. the Kosovo Liberation Army, led by Hasim Thaqi.

Today, Rugova is in Pristina, a virtual prisoner of the Serbs who want to use his LDK to broker their own deal on Kosovo's future. The KLA, meanwhile, is

based in Albania and in parts of Kosovo and has set up its own provisional government. Both groups have their own representatives abroad, fighting for control over the

LDK's once considerable

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Albanian refugees tortured by Serbs

MONTENEGRO BY STEVE CRAWSHAW in Rozaje

hundred per cent sure - a thousand per cent," says Idris were liberal only with their vi-Murtezaj quietly describing olence. "They put handcuffs how he was pushed hands up against the wall in a Serb Pazar [across the border into prison, a cocked gun at his head. "The gun clicked, and nothing happened. They did that to me five or six times during those days. Sometimes against the wall, sometimes down on the floor. We were so afraid. I thought, 'That's it'."

This terrifying experience did oot start in Kosovo, but in the supposed haven of Mootenegro where Idris and his family thought they had finally reached safety. His sister, his 78-year-old mother, his wife and six young children had made the snowy crossing over the mountains from Kosovo down into the little town of Rozaje, a poverty-stricken community that has provided a threadbare welcome for tens of thousands of refugees.

From Rozaje, Idris went with three friends to pick up an

"I THOUGHT I was dead. Not a tured them on the way. The soldiers, including Serb reservists. Serbial. They broke three of my friend's ribs. They hit my head against the wall. It hurt for five or six days. We did not get anything to eat for two days."

Idris did not approach me to give his story, and spoke sitantly when he gave details only in response to persistent questioning, showing oone of the familiar flueocy of story-

He says he was handcuffed all the time as the soldiers ahused them aimlessly. Despite questions such as, "Did you beat Serbs?", this was oo interrogation. This was simply a chance for these soldiers and Serbian police to drive home to helpless refugees their absolute and absolutely violent power over them.

300 others were suddenly bundled into buses and driven into nearby village but soldiers cap- Montenegro, and dumped, to fortune in Yugoslav terms) then



A young Kosovo refugee shuffling past the tents of the camp at Rzaje in the only protective footwear he can find

make their way back to Rozaje. Idris's family had already given him up for dead.

There is an increasingly commoo incidence of random, sanctioned brutality. Galimeta Bogeskaj tells how eight men in masks and military uniform came on Monday night to the Montenegrin house where she and her family had found After two days, Idris and refuge. "They beat up one man. They demanded money, they took 1,200 marks (about £450, a

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they told us, 'Get out of here. Get out, and don't come back'." The family fled down the

mountainside to the relative safety of Rozaje, where the local authorities are supportive. though tiny Montenegro, with a population of 650,000, which theoretically still forms part of President Milosevic's Yugoslav

Like Idris Murtezaj and his family, Galimeta and her children now sleep in primitive

used factory. Nearby fields house a tent city.

Earlier this month, six Kosovo Albanians were killed by Yugoslav soldiers near Rozaje, an incident that outraged the increasingly powerless Montenegrin government, Jiri Dienstbier, former Czech dissident and foreign minister who is now the United Nations investigator for the region, visited Rozaje yesterday and said he regretted that the interna-

vision cameraman and his "so little help" to Montenegro with its refugee crisis, and he called for a full investigation

The chances of such an investigation are slim. The Serbdominated army does oot answer questions. There is a widespread perception that pro-Belgrade forces are deliberately destabilising authority. The local police station is sandbagged against possible attack. A couple of miles from Rozaje, soldiers arrested a French tele-

into the army killings.

translator who had been accompanied by a Montenegrin police escort. The Frenchman faces trial for espionage, and a sentence of up to 10 years. Montenegro itself is a brave

attempt at the multi-ethnic federation of Yugoslavia which Slobodan Milosevic has long since destroyed. Tolerance is still its watchword, and many of its Muslims are fiercely loyal to the government, with its Or-

Timetable DAY 37

Thursday 29 April 12.10am: Explosions hit Novi Sad area. 12.25am: Nato targets Pozarevac, President Milosevic's hometown. Tanjug says a missile hit the railway station near town centre. 3am: Nato destroys a hridge over the Sava river at Ostruznica. outside Belgrade and damages another on the route between Nis and Skopje. 8am: Tanjug says hiasts heard in and around Podgorica. 4am: Explosions in: Beigrade and Podgorica. Serbian media reports missiles hitting the oil refinery in Novi Sad and setting it ablaze, as well as explosions in the Montenegrin port of Bar. 5am: All clear sounds in Pristina. 5.20am: Ali-clear sounds in Belgrade 10.10am: Air rald sirens sound in Pristina. 11am: Air raid sirens sound in Nis, Cacak, Kragujevac and Kraljev 12.30pm: Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russian envoy to Yugoslavia. meets Chancelior Gerhard Schroder for talks on ending war.

1pm: A factory making iron and nickel compounds in the central Kosovo town of Glogovac is hit by Nato air strikes 1.55pm: Air raid sirens sound in Belgrade. 2pm: Factory in Glogovac, bombed by Nato at 1pm, hit again. 4.10pm: All clear signal

sounds in Beigrade.

US Congress splits on Kosovo

A GROUP of US Congressmen has launched an effort to negotiate peace in Kosovo, a sign of fragmenting political support in the US for the war.

The Congress split in its first debate on the issue, and failed to back the present strategy, leaving Washington unusually divided over the campaign.

Curt Weldon, a Pennsylvania Republican, is to lead a bipartiCAPITOL HILL

members of the Russian Duma Jackson, the civil rights leader, and advisers to President Slobodan Milosevic in Vienna today. "The goal is to avoid having to put US and British forces into Kosovo," said Pete Peterson, a spokesman for Mr Weldon.

In another example of freelance diplomacy, the Rev Jesse proval if he wants to deploy

ground forces. A resolution to support the air campaign failed on a tied vote of 213 to 213,

The war has also resulted in some anti-British commentary. In The Washington Post, the columnist Robert Novak quotes angry right-wing Republicans. James Inhofe of Oklahoma criticised Tony Blair for backing the air war, saying it 'is easy for him to say. We have 365 airplanes

Belgrade regime 'cracking apart'

NATO IS seizing on evidence of growing dissent within Yugoslavia, after a former army general joined calls made by the former deputy prime minister for President Slobodan Milosevic to resign.

The allies are claiming that cracks in the Belgrade regime, which have been predicted almost since the bombing started, are opening. They hope

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lead to Mr Milosevic being top- co. as saying: "Milosevic should pled from within and allow the alkan crisis to be resolved. The latest voice to speak out is that of Vulk Obradovic, president of the Social Democratic Party and once a rising star in the Yu-

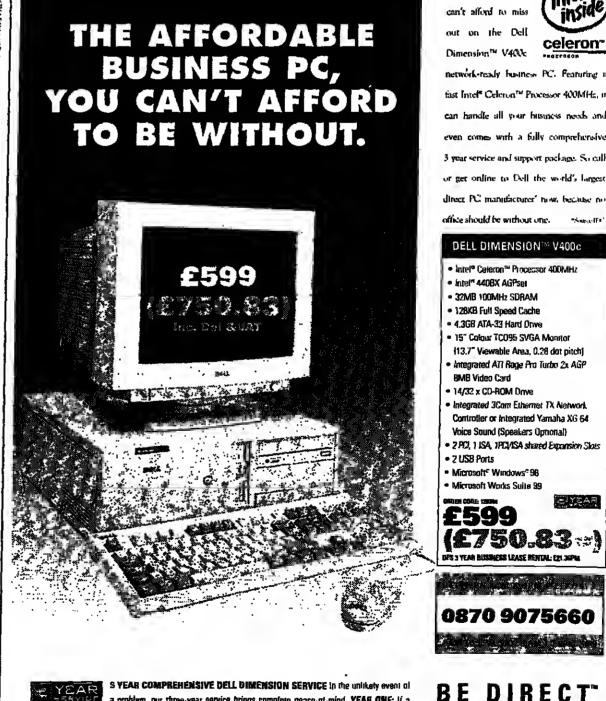
resign - especially because it is clear that he will fall anyway." Serbian authorities have blocked the transmission of an interview he gave to John Simpson, the BBC correspondent in Belgrade. The move follows the sack-

prime minister, who earlier this week called on Mr Milosevic to stop lying to the Serbian people about the chances of victory. General Obradovic's army connections make his interven-

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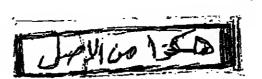
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Is this man the **Brixton** bomber?

SCOTLANO YARD released By JASON BENNETTO eight pictures vesterday of the man detectives believe is the prime suspect for the Brixton nail bomb that injured 39 people.

The white man, in his twenties, was tracked by at least three security cameras walking around the south London market on 17 April shortly before the explosive device was detonated at about 5.30pm.

Detectives believe the suspect, who is wearing a white baseball cap, hlack zip-up jacket and comhat trousers and is between 5ft 6in and 5ft 8in tall, may have been carrying out re-connaissance, and working out an escape route.

The king apart

It is understood that Scotland Yard also has film of the suspect carrying a sports bag similar to the one that contained the bomb. However, this material was not released yesterday.

Assistant Commissioner David Veness said it was the Metropolitan Police's "number by one priority" to trace the man. We have a range of material ... that leads us to the unequivocal conclusion that the investigation focuses on this man's face," he said. "We are satisfied that his

Crime Correspondent

possession of the bag, that's why we wish to speak to him."

The suspect has not been identified on security cameras studied from the scene of the second nail bomb at Brick Lane, east London, last Saturday, when six people were injured. The release of the video im-

ages follows hundreds of hours of work examining film takeo from about 23 cameras in Brixton Road and Electric Aveoue. The film was sent twice to the FBI in the United States to be enhanced so that clearer images could be obtained. Three clips of video released

yesterday show the suspect wandering around the crowded streets of Brixton 90 minutes before the racist attack. The bus-stop where the bomb was originally left is visible, as is the front of the Iceland store where the bag was eventually moved by pedestrians and where it exploded at 5.26pm.

Detectives were not ruling out that the man could be part of a "significant grouping" said Mr Veness, but he added: "On the evidence we have and the man was probably the man in images we are sharing with



A CCTV image of the man police want to interview about the Brixton bomb attack on 17 April

you, it's an individual acting on his own.

"Someone knows him, someone ... works with him, associates with him, has seen him."

Telephone calls claiming responsibility for both the bombings had been made on behalf of

the neo-Nazi group, Combat 18. Another right-wing group, called White Wolves, a splinter from C18, also claimed responsibility.

Anyone who knows the identity of the suspect should ring the anti-terrorist hotline on

Death threat alert for all BBC staff

SECURITY WAS stepped up at the BBC yesterday - including AND PAUL MCCANN advising staff oot to answer their front doors to strangers as detectives investigated the murder of Jill Dando and a death threat against the corpo-

ration's head of news, Tony Hall. Extra security checks and guards were in place at the BBC's main centres in London and Mr Hall was put under police protection. He was given a police guard after someooe claiming to be a Serb telephoned the corporation switchboard, saying he was behind the killing of the Crimewatch pre-senter, and that Mr Hall would be oext. The caller said that Ms Dando's killing was retaliation for the Nato bomb attack on the Serbian television centre in Belgrade last week.

Ms Dando, 37, was killed by a gunman who shot her once in the head at close range on Monday outside her south-west London home, Police are still searching for a motive for the killing. The explanations considered most likely are an attack by a stalker or person bearing a personal grudge, or a hit hy a professional killer

The BBC is reviewing whether it should be giving extra protection to staff who appear on screen. High-profile security was in place at four

BBC centres in London yes terday - at White City and the neighbouring television ceotre. Bush House, home of the World Service, and Broadcasting House. Security guards were turning out hags and checking BBC ideotity tags of everyone arriving at Broadcasting House. A spokesman said: "It is not unusual for there to be threats to presenters or people in the BBC."

The corporation's head of security has advised staff to report "any suspicious inci-deots involving unsolicited phone calls, letters or any other type of communication.

"At home, it is recommended that people do not answer the door unless they can identify the visitor," said the chief investigator, Eddie Halling.

The security measures wer introduced as the parents of Ms Dando's fiance, Alan Farthing, paid tribute to the television presenter, describing her as a fantastic and loving person".

In a statement issued yes-terday, Dr John Farthing and his wife, Barbara, said: "We shall miss her, and the tears testify to that, but we shall never forget her or the light she brought into our lives."

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Heart op on floor of pub saves life

A DOCTOR who saved the life of By JEREMY LAURANCE a man dying from a stab wound hy performing open-heart surgery on the floor of a crowded pub said yesterday she felt "fantastic" that the gamble had

Stephen Niland, 22, was lying in his own blood when Dr Heather Clark, 35, a specialist registrar with the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service at the Royal London Hospital, arrived at The Soon and in Street ford, east London where he had been assaulted. An ambulance crew were rigging up drips and trying to resuscitate him. but it was immediately clear to the doctor that emergency surgery was necessary.

Dr Clark said; "He was barely conscious and hardly breathing. I made two holes using a scalpel hlade on either side of his chest to relieve the pressure on his lungs. The lungs are in a sac and if you get a wound through the chest, the cavity can fill with air squeezing the lungs so you make the

Health Editor

It is a standard procedure we do quite often.

Seconds later, bowever, Mr Niland lapsed into a coma and Dr Clark and her colleague, Dr Alistair Mulcahy, could not find a pulse. She knew that the only chance of saving him was to get at the heart and repair the damage, but she had learnt the technique only two days earlier when a colleague had performed it on the victim of a shooting incident. That time the operation had been carried out on the floor of an office but the patient had died.

"I said to Alistair, 'We need to open his chest' There was no doubt in my mind that this was what he needed. He was effectively dead," she said.

While ber colleague gave him an anaesthetic. Dr Clark cut the skin across the chest with a scalpel just below the nipple line and then used a pair of holes to relieve the pressure. through the sternum (the pose the heart and lungs and

breast bone), to allow the chest

to be opened in what is known

as a thoracotomy, or clam-shell

"It is very hard work and quite slow and time is of the essence. After I started I asked Alistair to use his scissors to cut from the other side to speed it up," sbe said.

As a crowd of onlookers watched the bar-room surgery. beavy-duty scissors to cut Dr Clark lifted the ribcage to ex-

cut the sac surrounding the heart, into which blood and clots caused by the stab wound had leaked. "As I cut it open quite a lot of blood and clots came out. You have to release them hecause the pressure can stop the heart.

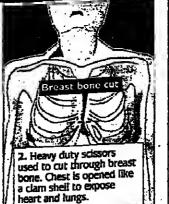
"I was about to massage it to get it going when it started again. Then we saw a little fountain of blood where the heart had been pierced and Al-

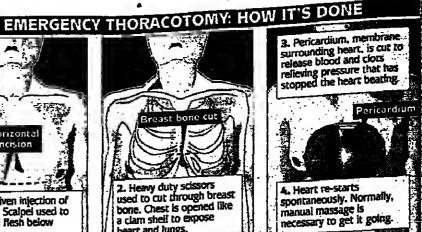
He held it there for an bour while the patient was transferred to hospital. Once he was in theatre it was a fairly simple procedure to stitch him up.

The incident happened on 16 April, but details were not released until yesterday. Mr Niland left bospital six days later and is expected to make a complete recovery.

Although similar surgery has been attempted on several ocistair stopped it with his finger, casions. Mr Niland is believed

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Stab victim Stephen Niland (above) was saved by on-the-spot surgery at The Swan pub in Stratford by Dr Heather Clark (left)

Main picture: Tony Sapiano

to be only the fourth patient to survive an emergency thoracotomy performed outside bospital, and only the third to recover without brain damage.

Dr Clark, who hopes to become a consultant in accident and emergency medicine, said: "It's just fantastic. It is better for us than for anybody. I am just ecstatic that he is alive and

She said that the outcome

the new approach in emergency care of giving treatment at the scene. This has replaced the old policy of "scoop and run" - picking victims up and rushing them to hospital.

"Ours is the only service that sends a doctor out to treat patients where they are injured. It saves a huge number of lives."

Dr Clark and Dr Mulcahy had been drinking cups of cofwas testimony to the success of fee at the end of their shift at

about 7.50pm when the call came through about a stabbing at the pub in Stratford. The he licopter was out of service after 7pm but the doctors had access to a rapid response car and were at the pub shortly after

"Officially we were off duty, hut we are doctors so of course we went. We were on the scene the second his heart stopped. That is what saved his life," Dr

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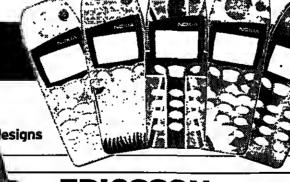
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Private schools take fewer state pupils

FIRST SIGNS that fee-paying BY JUDITH JUDD schools are becoming more socially exclusive since the abolition of the assisted places scheme emerged vesterday. The scheme, which helped to meet the cost of fees for bright children from poor families. was scrapped by the Government last year. Figures show that the num-

ber of recruits from state primary schools into private secondaries fell. Independent schools warned before the election that they feared they would become less socially mixed if the scheme disappeared.

David Woodhead. director of the Independent Schools Information Service, which published the figures, said: "In 1997-98, recruits from maintained schools made up 34.1 per

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cent of all new entrants; this year that proportion has fallen to 31.3 per cent. Over time, this may well result in an unwelcome change in the overall social and economic background of all pupils in those schools." The scheme is being phased out . and schools say the effect of its abolition will not be known for several years.

Overall. Mr Woodhead said the survey showed that schools had proved resilient to the loss of assisted places. Commentawere so reliant on assisted ed places disclosed that, al-

though they had lost 7,787 as-sisted pupils, the total number of new pupils fell by only 3,611. Schools are trying to make up for the loss of assisted places by improving their own bursary schemes. The proportion of pupils receiving help from their own schools is up by 7.5 per cent and now stands at a record 20. per cent of the total.

About 7.1 per cent of pupils are educated in independent schools. Total numbers rose for the fourth year, up by 0.7 per cent. The biggest increase was among the under-fives where numbers rose by 5.2 per cent. tors had predicted that some Numbers in secondary schools weaker independent schools fell slightly. Heads suggested that the decline in the number places that they might close. An of sixth-formers might be due analysis of schools with assist- to the introduction of university tuition fees.

Princes' privacy action is dropped after press deal

ST JAMES'S Palace dropped two complaints to the press watchdog yesterday after the newspaper industry agreed a new set of guidelines on coverage of Prince William and Prince Harry.

The Press Complaints Commission issued guidance to newspapers on continuing to respect the privacy of the princes while they complete their edu-cation, but made a plea to the Palace to release more information about the hoys to offset the need for papers to run triv-

Last year St James's Palace complained to the commission about two newspapers - The Mirror and the Daily Star under Clause 6 of the industry's code, alleging unauthorised intrusion into privacy. The Palace confirmed yesterday that the publication of the guidelines resolved its complaints and the commission will not, therefore. be required to adjudicate.

The purpose of the guidelines is to allow some coverage of the boys while ensuring they have their privacy protected. They say: "To begin with, the Palace should continue to recognise that there is a genuine public interest in the dissemination of a reasonable amount of information about the princes - and not just in rare, individual stories.

"They will need to try and offer real stories of interest about the princes as well as photo-opportunities.

This, in turn, is likely to mean that fewer trivial, sensationalised stories actually appear: they themselves may be symptom of a lack of genuine non-intrusive information."

The guidelines conclude: "At the same time, all newspapers should be aware of the probBY PAUL MCCANN Media News Editor

lems posed by an accumulation of newspaper coverage of either of the royal princes - and, within the spirit of the code, seek a view about the likely impact of

boys when assessing whether or not to publish a story." Guidance was originally issued in August 1995, before William started at Eton. But it was the death of the boys' mother, Diana, Princess of Wales in August 1997, that ushered in a a particular story on one of the period of press self-restraint.

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Classic FM underestimates public, says Proms chief



THE DIRECTOR of the BBC Proms and former head of Radio 3 poured scorn on the Classic FM radio station yesterday as he launched this summer's seasoo of concerts.

Nicholas Kenyon, who in his time as Radio 3 controller was constantly challeoged about Classic FM's superior ratings, gave his first public criticism of the rival station. He said the Proms showed that the BBC had a seriousness and commitment to innovation that Classic FM did not possess.

Speaking to journalists be-fore the official launch, Mr Kenyon said: "I don't have to be so elaborately polite about Classic FM any more. I can say they are never going to push on the art form in a month of Sundays.

"It wouldn't be in Classic FM's nature to do the Proms. Classic FM does an excellent job of providing a narrow selection of classical music to those who want it. And we all know oobody ever lost money underestimating the taste of the British public."

Classic FM is now run by Roger Lewis, the former presMedia and Culture Editor

ident of Decca records. Responding to Mr Kenyoo's re-marks. Mr Lewis said the station bad just formed a coocerts division and was putting on 12 live events this year. starting with Nigel Kennedy playing his Hendrix Concerto.

He said: "We do not have access to the multi-million-pound budget the BBC has access to. But what we do have is a real dedication and commitment to creating access to as broad an audience as possible for classical music, and a commitmeot to work off air with a variety of education schemes."

Mr Kenyon, who is also in charge of the BBC's millennium programming, said that with this year's Proms, "we are being deliberately serious. There is a reflectiveness about this period at the end of the millennium." He has dropped the "gimmicks" of last year, which included playing Beatles and Bob Marley tunes.

There is, though, an innovation at the Last Night of the Irons will perform Noel Coward songs to celebrate Coward's centenary. Mr Irons is having

The Proms director also announced that the BBC is taking the concerts out of London for the first time. Regional events - in Birmingham and Swansea - are to be staged at the same time as the last night concert of the annual season at the Al-

bert Hall in London.

This year's two-mooth-long season, beginning on 16 July, will include concerts dedicated to film music and Irish music. And for the first time the 'Last Night" will not actually close the season. The next day a childreo's event, the CBBC Proms In The Park, will feature the singer Charlotte Church, 13, performing with the BBC Philharmonic, an event being introduced by Blue Peter's Katy Hill.

A highlight of the concerts will be "One Thousand Years Of Music In A Day", with selections from every century of this millennium. Tickets are on

Genetic flaws hit - cloned schools take animals

CLONED ANIMALS have been BY STEVE CONNOR found to suffer from serious genetic defects - a discovery that could deliver a fatal blow to hopes of ever using cloning for human reproduction.

A French team have found evidence that cloning interferes with the normal function of genes, which can lead to debilitating illnesses and death.

lan Wilmut, of the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh who findings are the most detailed so far to explain the side-effects resulting from the cloning process. Although Dolly herself appears normal, Professor Wilmut, who cloned Dolly by transferring the nucleus of a ewe's udder cell into an unfertilised egg that had its oucleus removed, said inherent problems with the technique may prevent it being applied to humans.

"It is the most detailed information to emerge so far of the abnormalities arising from privacy actions nuclear transfer and it is further evidence that we should be extremely cautious in ever applying this to humans."

The French team, led by Jean-Paul Renard of the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique in Jouy-en-Josas,

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that was cloned from a skin cell taken from the ear of a 15-dayold calf, which was itself a clone of a bovine embryo. The calf had developed normally for six weeks, then suffered a rapid depletion of blood cells and severe anaemia as a result of the incomplete development of its lymph glands.

map aper published in The Lancet, the scientists state: "This is the first report of a longlasting defect associated with somatic (adult cell) cloning. Because the "parent" of the calf was itself an embryonic clone which had suffered no ill-effects, the scientists concluded that the death must have been due to the process of nuclear transfer from an adult cell." Professor Wilmut said the

problems could be linked to the genetic "reprogramming" of the adult cell nucleus needed for it to switch on all the genes. "What has to happen is that the adult cell's genes are switched off and the genetic reprogramming needs to be done. People were surprised this could happen at all so it is not surprising that sometimes it almost hapinvestigated the death of a calf pens but not quite enough."

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to go at no more than 20mph last night through one of Britain's busiest rail routes to prevent a disaster. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) banned Railtrack from running trains through the Severn Tunnel at the normal 70mph because of the state of the track. The ruling will cause delays The HSE said there was a

TRAIN DRIVERS were ordered BY PHILIP THORNTON Transport Correspondent

> the line connecting England and Wales under the Severn Channel near Bristol, Railtrack said 11 minutes would be added to journey times and apologised to passengers.

Vic Coleman, the Chief Inspector of Railways, said there were four broken rails in the tunnel in seveo mooths - 20 "serious risk of derailment" on times the national average.

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Today's lesson is in silly behaviour and bad grammar

HALFWAY THROUGH education seems to be that coming into con- Clarke had solemnly announced questions, Nicholas Winterton con- tact with MPs is an educational and that he would be making a personfessed that he had recently been visiting pre-school facilities in his Macclesfield constituency, including Jolly Tots (sarcastic hear hears) and St Paul's pre-school in Poynton. What happens to a child at the age of two or three, Mr Winterton told us, can have a striking effect on how they turn out when they are 16.

thought in me: should impression-fully indignant back (they're still a able infants really be exposed to Mr little too fragile to make sarcasma Winterton? Have any studies been ready option). conducted to determine the longterm effects of such exposure?

improving experience. For the first half-hour of the session, for example, the public gallery was principally occupied by a large party of bemused schoolchildren, hrought here to examine the machinery of democracy in action. Yesterday this consisted of Mr Blunkett being sarcastic about the Conservatives This prompted an anxious and the Conservatives being duti-

Mr Blunkett himself was in ebullient mood, even teasing one of his The general prejudice, though, own colleagues after Charles

al inspection of a school in Andrew Dinsmore's constituency. "What a man!" said Mr Blunkett loudly. "What a man indeed," said Mr Clarke, slightly flustered to find that he was being heckled from two feet

Later, after a standard bit of party political tub-thumping from Andrew Smith, Mr Blunkett became even more excited, bouncing up and down in his seat and giving Mr Smith an approving thump of such gallery. The children had disappeared by then, but one can only THE SKETCH

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hope that they weren't paying too heft that it was audible in the press much attention when they were present, otherwise they might have gone away believing, as George

Peter Pike's view that the phrase "extremely lower" offers an ac-

ceptable grammatical role model. Along the corridor in Committee Room 15. Clare Short was giving evidence to the Select Committee on International Development most of whom had arrived direct from the airport after a tour of Macedonian refugee camps.

Air Macedonia's fabled in-flight

service (three boiled sweets and as much potato brandy as you can drink) had obviously not done much to ease the effects of this unenviable parliamentary excursion - not so

wanted the minister to know it.

Very few MPs can handle the intoxicating effects of committee point, like a teacher disappointed membership, which allows them to indulge their Kavanagh QC fantasies at the expense of those who are more famous, more wealthy or more powerful than themselves. You wonder how those giving evidence keep their temper, particularly when a little learning has been added to the heady cocktail of cross-examination.

Rich in recently acquired ex-

Mudie appears to, that "unequivo-cable" is a real word, or sharing were in an anxious mood and they been thinking about this matter for were in an anxious mood and they to go away and look at it again," Tess Kingham said sternly at one

with a pupil's project book. Ms Short did some urging back, reminding the committee that Macedonia had been making the same predictions of imminent social and economic collapse since the first day of the war. "That doesn't mean it's not true!" yelped one exasperated member, convinced that this time there really was a wolf. It all ended moderately cordially, but only, pertise, several members set out to I suspect, because they'd started late educate Ms Short, who has only and Ms Short had to leave early.

High Court reinstates Jones as MP

THE LABOUR MP Fiona Jones | ELECTORAL LAW walked triumphantly back into the House of Commons yesterday after the High Court ruled that she was entitled to resume her parliamentary seat.

In a landmark ruling, the judges concluded that Ms Jones could be reinstated as MP for Newark because of her successful appeal against conviction for expenses fraud.

Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting with Mr Justice Mitchell, delivered their judgment in response to a request for clarifieation of electoral law from John Morris QC, the Attorney General, on behalf of the Speakor of the Commons.

To the cheers of Labour the Commons chamber after the Speaker. Betty Boothroyd, declared that the Newark seat was no longer vacant and a byelection would not be held.

Ms Jones ended decades of Tory rule in the Nottinghamshire seat when she gained the last general election. Labour strategists had initially feared BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

that a by-election triggered by allegations of "sleaze" would offer the Tories a chance to score a much-needed victory. However, at the end of William Hague's worst fortnight since he became the party leader, even Conservative MPs expressed relief that the by-election would not be held.

Ms Jones, 42, was forced to complete 100 hours of community service after she was convicted of election expenses fraud at Nottingham Crown Court

last month. The conviction was MPs. Ms Jones took her seat in quashed earlier this month when the High Court ruled that the jury had been misdirected on the scope of the 1983 Representation of the People Act. Ms Jones and Labour Party

officials expected she would be immediately reinstated by the Commons authorities in a majority of just over 3,000 at response to the verdict. However, the Speaker said that as the situation was "unprece- suming my seat.".

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dented" it was up to the courts rather than Parliament to rule on reinstatement

There is no provision in the a quashed conviction, although Ms Jones's lawyers said that "natural justice" demanded she retake her seat. The key legal issue was whether a byelection should automatically follow the declaration of a seat as vacant, even if the conviction that caused the vacancy had been overruled. Philip Sales, vacate the seat and ordered to counsel for Mr Morris, had told the court that "ordinary fairness" would suggest that she should be reinstated.

Outside the court, Ms Jones said she was pleased, hut also relieved that the affair was finally over: "It has been a very stressful time for me and my family. I am very grateful to all the people who have written to me, who have never lost faith," she said. "I was very heartened by that. There has been very little feeling of negativity in Newark, But I am looking forward to getting back to re-



An exultant Fiona Jones, MP for Newark, returning to the Commons yesterday after the High Court ruled in her favour Peter Macdiarmid

A spokeswoman for the Labour Party said: "We're very pleased that Fiona Jones has been reinstated following a difficult and uncertain time for her and the people she was elected to represent. With her name now totally cleared, Fiona can get back to work for the people

A Tory party spokeswoman

said: "We accepted the earlier affair had proved the need for during a debate ou developcourt ruling and we also respect the Home Office to work with

today's judgment." Fraser Kemp, Labour MP for Houghton and Washington East and the party's campaigns manager for the Midlands, said part of him would have relished a by-election after recent tur-

a new electoral commission to clarify confusing laws, which had been designed for Victorian times rather than the 21st century.

Ms Jones, who arrived in the Commons chamber flanked by moil in the Tory party. the government whip Graham all my constituents, I know wel-Mr Kemp said that the whole Allen, made her first comments come the fact that the Govern-

ment on green-belt land. To cheers, she said: "Can I just take a very welcome opportunity on behalf of my constituents in Newark to say that I welcome the proposals that the Government are putting forward, and I would like to say that ment will huild on brownfield sites instead of greenfield sites."

Nick Raynsford, Environment minister, said: "I'm delighted to w know that at the first opportunity [Ms Jones] is back here speaking for her constituents."

The full, detailed reasons for the High Court's decision in

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Information Bill 'more radical than expected

Bill will be more liberal than expected and will require greater disclosures by Whitehall departmeots, government agencies and public services, including the police.

Critics including the former minister David Clark, who have been campaigning for a radical right to information, feared that it would be watered down in behind-the-scenes cabinet hattles between the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg. But Whitehall sources said yesterday that when the draft Bill is published within the next few weeks, it will be sur-

THE FREEDOM of Information OPEN GOVERNMENT BY COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

prisingly liberal. "The cam-

paigners will be happier than they thought," said a source. The row has centred on the so-called "harm" test for the release of information. When Mr Clark left the Cabinet Office, he was proposing that information should be released unless it could cause "substantial harm". That was supported by Lord Irvine, but was rejected by Mr Straw, who wanted a simple "harm" test, which would have made it more difficult to obtain

on the Bill yesterday at Downing Street, has suggested that an independent commissioner should decide whether information should be released. Although the Bill will be re-

leased for consultation in mid-May, the legislation will form the centrepiece of the Queen's Speech for the next session of Parliament, which was discussed yesterday by the Cabinet. The legislative programme is also likely to contain a hig

transport Bill by John Prescott. the Deputy Prime Minister, to allow congestion charging on motorists to curb car use in

Mr Straw, who attended a town and cities, and a possible further cabinet sub-committee Home Office measure to reform the voting system for local elections to allow polling to take place in high streets at weekends, to raise voter interest in town halls.

The Queen's Speech may also he used to put oo the statute book three Bills that have been published in draft but have been delayed by the row in the Lords over the removal of hereditary peers from the Upper House. The Bills will estahlish a Strategic Rail Authority, create the Food Standards Agency and set up standards boards to root out sleaze in local councils.

QUESTIONS AND

ANSWERS

11,000 animal experiments

MORE THAN 11,000 experiments involving animals were done at Ministry of Defence sites last year, the Government disclosed.

Fireworks Bill A BACKBENCH Bill to

impose a ban on the sale of fireworks at all times to the general public will be introduced in the Commons next month. Sir Teddy Taylor. Conservative MP for Rochford and Southend East, said.

Short cuts

SOME COURSES at further education colleges could be cut by 15 minutes, to remain just under 16 hours a week, which would allow hard-up students to get round social security rules and claim benefits. the Education minister George Mudie hinted.

Barristers' wigs face the cut in court reforms

THE ABOLITION of wigs in JUSTICE BILL court and the end of the preeminent status of Queen's Counsel came into prospect yesterday when a Labour MP secured government agreement to introduce a series of amendments to the Access to Justice Bill.

The proposals offer the Government a compromise deal that also includes plans to establish a register of interests for judges. Andrew Dismore, the solic-

itor MP behind the amendments, said they gave the Government the ideal opportunity to modernise other parts of the justice system. He said: "Queen's Counsel are an exin the interests of the lawyers, not the public. Radical reform is needed or they should be abolished,"

Lord Irvine of Lairg is unlikely to agree to the abolition of QCs, as one of Mr Dismore's amendments requires, but the Government could agree to the

BY ROBERT VERKAIK Legal Affairs Correspondent

reduction in the use of QCs. The Lord Chancellor himself has complained of the ceremonial dress he must wear in the House of Lords. Solicitor advocates, who can now appear in the higher courts alongside barristers, have long complained that wigs allow the jury unfair-

ly to distinguish between them. This week Mr Dismore failed to secure answers to questions from the Government on the extent and cost of using QCs in government work. In written answers neither the Solicitor General, Ross Cranston, nor pensive anachronism working the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, were able to tell Mr Dismore how many QCs were used by their respective government

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said: "The Lord Chancellor has no plans to abolish QCs, which he regards as a kitemark of qualirelaxation of court dress and a ty within the legal profession."

THE HOUSE



Action to aid the art market

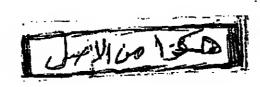
THE GOVERNMENT is making "very vigorous" representations to the EU in the interests of the British art market amid concern over the planned harmonisation of VAT, the Employment minister Andrew Smith said.

Pizza protest

LABOUR BACKBENCHERS demanded a debate after reports that the Pizza Hut restaurant chain had withdrawn late-night taxis for staff as part of its opposition to the national minimum wage.

Today's agenda

Commons: 9.30am: Protection of Children Bill. report. Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill, second reading. Short debate on assisted area status for Southend. Lords: Not sitting.



6 DAYS TO GO

NATIONAL PARTY leaders join the campaigns today. Tony Blair is in Glasgow to visit a school and attend a charity lunch before flying to Wales. William Hague will be In Edinburgh.

RIVALRY BETWEEN the

£10bn deficit.

two most senior figures in the Weish Labour Party resurfaced yesterday over performance-related pay for teachers. Alun Michael, the party leader, said he strongly supported incentives, a policy opposed by Rhodri Morgan, who lost the battle for the top job. Mr Morgan's views were reinforced by the Wales TUC, which voted unanimously to oppose the pay scheme. It is one of the few policy areas where the Assembly may be able to underline its independence from

Westminster, by sticking

with the present system.

Lobbyist gifts are banned for Scots

MEMBERS OF the Scottish Parliament are to be barred from taking lobbyists' cash or gifts under new rules far stricter than those in Westminster.

The move comes as lobbying companies prepare to cash in on devolution. Many big London-based firms now have offices in Edinburgh and Cardiff, and several indigenous companies have also sprung up.

Several Edinburgh law firms have set up lobbying arms. hoping to make money by drafting amendments to legislation on behalf of commercial clients.

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, a former Conservative deputy leader in the House of Lords and a Scottisb Office and industry minister in the last government, is chairman of the newly formed Holyrood Strategy (Scotland). The Liberal Democrats' federal treasurer, Denis Robertson Sullivan, is managing director of PS Pub-

But while Westminster MPs are allowed to take on consultancies with lobbying firms, their Scottish counterparts will be told that such positions are "inappropriate". In Wales the rules will reflect those at Westminster, where such interests must merely be registered.

The conclusions of a working group on rules for Scottish Parliament members, expected to be approved by the Parliament, says MSPs should be barred from taking fees oot only from commercial lobbyists but also from PR firms or lawyers who are pressing for particular

The code of conduct "should be a powerful tool in discour- ly understand amongst ouraging MSPs and lobbyists from participating in irregular activities", the working group said.

propriate for any MSP to receive payment in cash or kind

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BY FRAN ABRAMS Westminster Correspondent

from any firm engaged in lobbying on a commercial basis." Some lobbyists and politicians believe the group should have introduced compulsory registration for lobbying firms. They would then have to sign

up to rules likely to bar them from offering cash to politicians for favours or from appointing politicians to their boards, as the existing voluntary code does

Robbie MacDuff, managiog director of Strategy in Scotland, the Edinburgh branch of the English lobbying firm Westminster Strategy, said it was "naive" to think lobbyists could regulate themselves, "I don't think Scotland is so special that it will work here when it doesn't work in London," he said. "In an industry where people are chums, there are too many temptations."

Mr MacDuff questiooed whether members of the House endearing charm from voters

of Lords should be allowed to work for Scottish lobbying firms. In England, peers must declare their lobbying interests. Lord Sempill, a bereditary

peer who runs Holyrood Strategy (Scotland), chaired by Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, defended his right to be in the business. The peers were told that they did not need to register their interest in the House of Lords' register of members' interests.

Lord Sempill is standing as Conservative for the Scottish Parliament but does not expect to win. "Quite frankly, I have to bave a career. I think we clearselves in the fraternity that there is a conflict of interests in holding an active role in a pub-"We consider that it is inap- lic affairs company and at the same time being part of the political process," be said.

WENDY ALEXANDER is a woman in a burry. She has three campaign visits, two newspaper interviews and a photocall at the local printers to fit in before dashing to Perth for a TV encounter with Kirsty Wark. She seems more than up to the job, though. The candidate tipped to be fi-

nance minister of the Scottish Parliament - and even First Minister after Donald Dewar throws in the trowel of office gusts into her Paisley North campaign office in full throttle. Mary Miller, her election manager and an old friend from sgow University, has already confessed to buying ber a car set for ber mobile phone so she can keep talking at 300 words a most before the Keir Hardy collars, and both performed as

BY FRAN ABRAMS

pin-up oo the wall has stopped fluttering in ber breeze she is apologising for her trousers, which are a marginally different colour from ber jacket. Fishing a needle and thread from her bag she explains that she has been overtaken by a hem crisis. Sadly the voting public will see few of Wendy Alexander's more endearing qualities unless they meet her in persoo.

Three days earlier at Labour's morning press conference she appeared with her brother Douglas, Scottish election campaign manager, former adviser to Gordon Brown and Westminster MP for Paisley South. Both were immacuminute even while driving. Al- late in navy, with pristine white

if they had just completed a crash course at the Millbank Tower School of Careful But Firm Enunciation. In person she is infinitely more charming. despite a reputatioo for a fearsome intellect and a somewhat brusque manner. The latter she attributes to a determination to turn Scots into legislators; the former she seems to fail to recognise. Ms Miller says when her friend launches into a ver-

policy she really thinks everyone follows her drift. The only time a touch of the Millbanks creeps in is when she is asked about her relationship with her brother - some newspapers have suggested it is competitive. "We are a family. We are not a dynasty. We get

on very well," she said.

bal screed on macro-economic

Wendy Alexander canvassing voters on the streets of Paisley, Strathclyde, yesterday before next week's Scottish elections

Labour's First Lady hides her

Brusque or no, this diminutive ing CV. The daughter of a Church of Scotland minister and a haematologist, she joined Lab-our at 15, clocked up a degree from Glasgow, a master's from Warwick, slipped in six months' research for the MP George Galloway and ran an economic development magazine for a year before going to work for Donald Dewar, then Labour's Scottish spokesman, at 25.

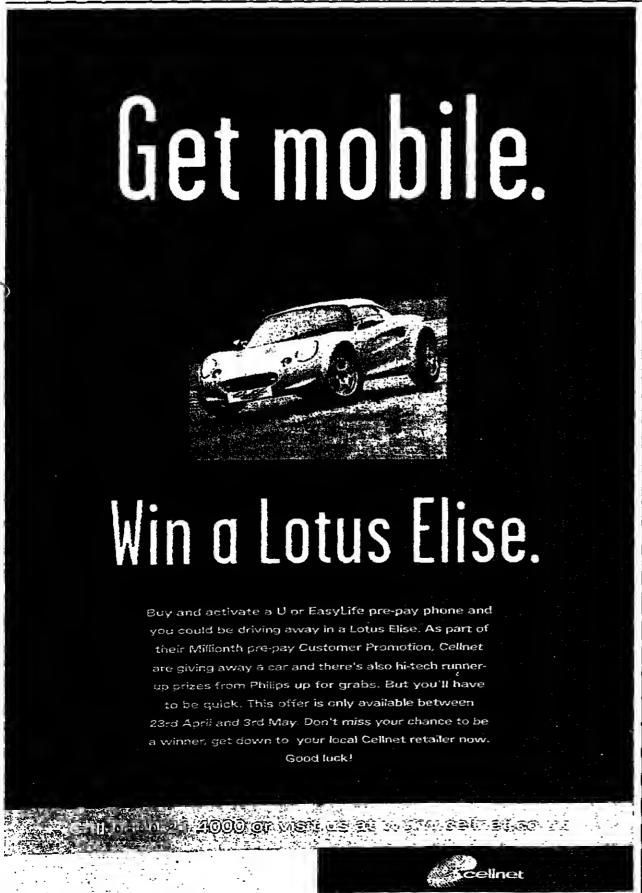
Then, in 1992, "I thought we were going to be so awfully equipped for government that I needed to learn to be a civil servant so I applied to do management at Harvard", she said. "We lost the election so appallingly and I felt I didn't want to speod my time being an academic. So I deferred it and went

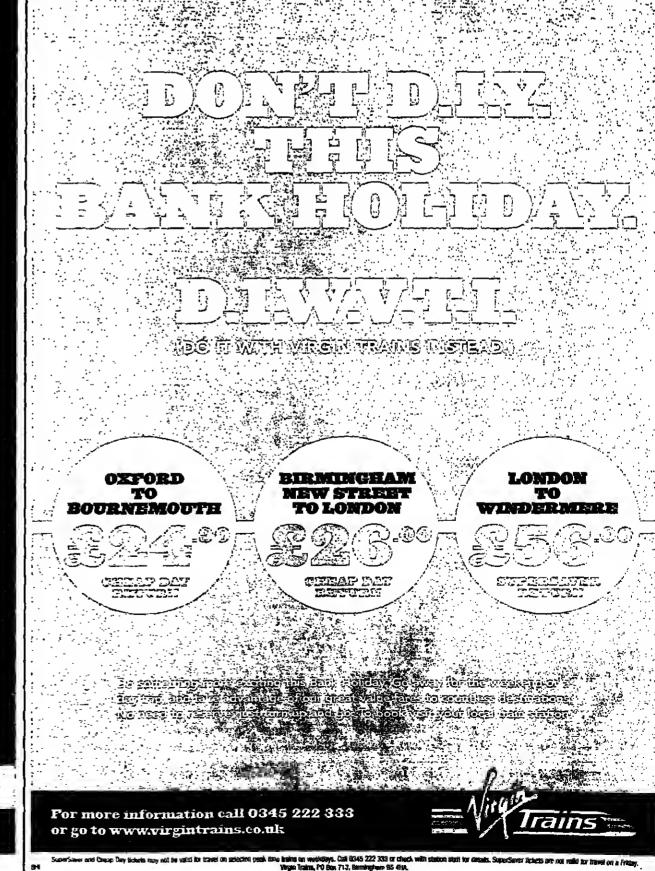
1994 and 1997 she worked for the American consultants Booz, Allen, Hamilton where her boss had helped to get Bill Clinton elected. Then on 2 May 1997, Donald Dewar called to say she had already missed her first meeting as his special adviser. After 18 months making plans for the new Parliament she resigned to stand in the area where she went to school.

But Wendy Alexander is still oot at all sure she will make a politician. She says she can see berself packing it in for something else, perhaps running a small voluntary organisation. "I'm deeply ambivalent about it ... I've worked behind the scenes for 20 years and I've seen the toll politics takes oo people," she said.

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46-year-old unemployed female teacher



EastEnders and Coronation Street

"I feel guilty at watching EastEnders or Coronation Street as I tend to ignore my son. He says I stop him playing when they come on and this makes me feel guilty." 34-year-old femole clerical officer



Kilroy

"I have changed jobs from being a poorly paid hospital chef, to being a better paid caterer. In the old days to chew as my tea, which I eat while I watch them. It's I did shift work and watched things like Kilroy." 40-year-old self-employed mole caterer



'Neighbours and Home and Away are as nice and easy my wind-down hour after work."

35-year-old male factory worker

Viewers 'pig out on TV' when they feel low – and then suffer remorse

ing habits done in the UK. The study, TV Living. also explodes two myths of television viewing - that men do not watch soap operas and that they are in charge of what is watched. It found that people watch more television and

Media News Editor

poor compared with when they are happy and successful. Those who are feeling good

tend to pre-select "quality" programmes that they really want to see rather than simply watching anything that is on.

TV Living. which was sponsored by the British Film Institute and three television when they are depressed or people so they could track their Blind Date and Beadle's About. because they feel guilty that

"There was one middle-class

1991 and 1996. "We found quite lationships or move to a new area they tend to watch less television and be more selective when they do," added Mr Gauntlett who is a lecturer in social communications at the University of Leeds,

"It is as if TV is a stress reliever, a comforter and a friend. When they regain their security or happiness, television becomes less important."

operas just as much as women. "In the past, it's been thought is wasted. Watching during the day brought out deep-seated there was some innate quality feelings of guilt among all those to soap opera, the family-based who took part in the study. Peo-ple told us that television dur-made them attractive to women. But men get just as involved in their favourite soaps," said Mr Gauntlett.

The study also discovered that men do not exert power in the home by choosing programmes. Instead choices are mostly negotiated: "It's just that the man tends to keep a

grip on the remote control," said Mr Gauntlett. "That may have some kind of phallic power, but which button is pushed is usually agreed."

Other findings of the study included the fact that few old people had a problem with nudity and sex on television per se. Instead they objected to it being shown because they tend to believe that sex is special and is demeaned by the medium.

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Hermit to teach survival skills

By JACK O'SULLIVAN Scotland Correspondent

A HERMIT who spent 20 years living in woods in central Scotland had his sentence for a series of thefts deferred yesterday after he agreed to

teach others his survival skills. Robert Sinclair, 51, nicknamed "Davy Crockett" because of his extraordinary skills in the wild, had pleaded guilty to hreak-ins across central Scotland, stealing food, clothes and alcohol from caravans and farmhouses.

His thefts were to support his lifestyle, which involved living in barns, makeshift shelters and hollows in the woods. At one stage, police on horseback were introduced in an attempt to find the pony-

Sinclair's sentencing was deferred for four months yesterday after Stirling Sheriff Court was told he was now going to teach others his outward pursuit skills. He has also been collecting food and clothes for Kosovo refugees.

John McInnes, Sinclair's defence agent, said he was keen to pass on the skills that be had learnt during the past 20 years spent surviving on his wits in the hills and woods of Stirlingshire.

Since being captured, Sinclair has had difficulties adjusting. When he signed on for benefits and was given a £49 crisis loan, it was the first time since the 1970s that he had had money in his pocket. At one point he attempted suicide because he could not cope with the changes.

Yesterday, however, Mr McInnes said Sinclair was settling down and would be taking young people on walking trips to Glencoe.

After the hearing Sinclair, who has a City and Guilds in borticulture, said: "What I want to do now is grow some strawberries. I couldn't do any gardening when I was in the wild."



Robert Sinclair: Admitted series of thefts Newsflash

TELEVISION IS a crutch used by people for support through hard times and which they feel guilty about over-exploiting. says the biggest study of view-

more low-quality television companies, gave diaries to 500

lives and their viewing between radical changes in how people used television according to what was happening to their lives," said one of the study's authors. David Gauntlett.

teacher who during the period of the study got divorced. became unemployed and had a breakdown. She went from choosing specific programmes to watching things such as

But when people start new re- time spent watching television

People control their viewing

ing the day isn't very good," said Mr Gauntlett. "They find it patronising and said it was aimed at housewives. Even housewives said that." Because of the detailed

nature of the diaries, the study found, for the first time, that men enjoy and watch soap

IN BRIEF

Four killed in aircraft crash

A FATHER, son and two friends, all businessmen, were killed yesterday when their light aircraft nose-dived into a field in North Yorkshire and burst into flames. The pilot, Gerald Davitt. 42. his father. Laurence, and friends Paul Blackburn and Kenneth Moore had just taken off from Sherburn Aero Club on their way to Amsterdam.

Woman died after breast surgery

A TEENAGER embarrassed because one breast was three times the size of the other died after deciding to have surgery: A verdict of misadventure was recorded yesterday on Abigail Stevenage, 19, of Kidderminster, operated on at Wordsie: Hospital West Midlands, in December.

Students deny IRA bomb plot

TWO STUDENTS joined an IRA plot to bomb targets on the mainland after last year's Good Friday Agreenesh in Old Balley court was told Liam Grogan. 22, and Darren Muiholland, 20. deny conspiracy with Anthony Hyland, 26, to cause explosions last summer. The trial continues

Cadbury bars GM ingredients

THE CHOCOLATE maker Cadbury became the latest UK food producer to declare a ban on genetically modified ingredients yesterday. Cadbury's amouncement follows statements this week from Unilever. Nestle and Tesco.

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GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, was urged yesterday to step up security after his kitchen window in North Queensferry, Fife, was broken in an attempted burglary.

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'Holistic' children can fight allergies



Children at a Steiner school. A medical study suggests they are at lower risk of developing common childhood allergies

CHILDREN BROUGHT up in a BY JEREMY LAURANCE holistic community, eschewing Western-style drugs and vaccinations and eating a vegetarian diet, have a 40 per cent lower risk of developing allergies such as asthma and hay fever.

The finding, from a study of the principal cause. almost 300 children who followed the anthroposophic in The Loncet, 295 children lifestyle advocated by the Swedish spiritual leader Rudolf Steiner, adds to evidence that aspects of modern lifestyles are to blame for the startling rise in allergies around the world in the past 20 to 30 years.

One in three children in industrialised countries has an allergic disorder in what is now recognised to be a modern epidemic. Asthma, hay fever and eczema are the commonest allergies. They have more than doubled in recent decades but experts remain baffled by the extent and speed of their rise.

Pollution, infection and changes to the diet have been suggested as causes but hard evidence has been lacking. A growing body of evidence is pointing to the cleanliness associated with modern lifestyles,

Health Editor

which protects children from bacteria and infection but at the same time prevents them developing natural resistance, as

In the latest study published aged 5 to 13 attending Rudolf Steiner schools near Stockholm, Sweden, were compared with 380 children of the same age at neighbouring schools. Tests showed the Steiner children had 38 per cent less atopy (sensitivity to allergic triggers such as pollen or house-dust

mites) than the others. Only half the Steiner children had ever taken antibiotics and just 18 per cent had had the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccination compared with over 90 per cent of children in the other schools. Almost two-thirds of the Steiner children ate fermented vegetables, containing live lactobacilli also found in some voghurts said to aid digestion, compared with less than 5 per cent at the

other schools. Dr Johan Alm and colleagues from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm suggest that their finding could help to account for the recent rapid rise in allergies. They say: "Lifestyle factors related to the anthroposophic way of life appear to

lessen the risk of atopic disease in childhood. Since that way of life involves several characteristics that were more common in the general population some decades ago, our study may help to explain the recent increase in atopy."

In a commentary, Professor David Strachan of St George's Hospital Medical School, London, says the Swedish study adds to evidence that allergies are less common in people with simple lifestyles. However, he says the value of the study is limited because it is impossible to gauge the relative importance of the various lifestyle features - diet, incomplete immunisation (Stein-

er children tend to have vaccinations only against tetanus and polio and to have them later than officially recommended), and restricted use of antibiotics.

The strongest evidence shows that children in large families, exposed to many infections at a young age, are less likely to develop allergies than children from smaller families raised in "cleaner" environments. Professor Strachan says the "hygiene hypothesis" remains the best "because it offers a unifying explanation for the striking variations in prevalence of allergic disease":

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Sun warnings factored into weather news

ALL WEATHER forecasts are to By Cherry Norton include advice on the strength Health Correspondent of the sun's rays m an attempt to reduced the number of sifies UV radiation on a nu-

deaths caused by skin cancer. Sun worshippers need to be aware of the health risks involved in being exposed to ultraviolet rays and make their own assessment according to their skin type, experts say. Each year more than 40,000 people are diagnosed with skin

cancer, and 2,000 die of it. "We see this as a very important tool in the Government's drive to cut preventable deaths from cancer" said the Health minister Tessa Jowell yesterday. Ms Jowell said educating young people about the risks was particularly difficult. "What 17-year-old girl does not helieve she looks more attractive with a tan than with-

television, radio and newspaper weather forecasts during the the effect of cloud on sunshine summer months, from May intensity, helping everyone until September. It was originally developed by the World Health Organisation and clas-

merical scale from one to 20. The index also identifies four skin types: white that burns easily, white that tans easily, brown and black. "On a sunny, Solar UV index could be six." said Christopher New, of the Health Education Authority. "For a person with a fair skin that burns easily their risk of sun damage is very high and they would have to think seriously

about protecting themselves." Meteorological experts said people should be aware that even on cloudy days the levels of UV radiation can be high.

Big white fluffy clouds can reflect UV radiation in the same way snow does," said Karl Kitchen, a senior manag-The index will feature on all er at the Meteorological Office. "The new solar index includes make an informed decision about protecting themselves

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Presidents Nelson Mandela and Boris Yeltsin exchanging kisses at a meeting in Moscow yesterday

Bin Laden 'plans base in Somalia'

THE SAUDI millionaire Osama bin Laden has checked out Sogovernment, as a transit point or safe haven, say US State De-

partment sources Mr bin Laden is the chief suspect of the US embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania last August, which claimed up to 250 lives.

The sources say Mr bin Laden has visited Somalia, and a "secure communication system" is being set up by his men in southern Somalia, possibly at the coastal town of Ras Kamboni, near Kenya. He went missing from his base camp in Afghanistan on February 13. and reports said he was heading for Somalia, Sudan or

In early April, sources said US security officers were in Ras Kamboni, investigating the 20 March fatal shooting of a US aid worker. Deena Umbarger, in a tea shop by Islamic extremists. Ras Kamboni is known as a fundamentalist "no-go" area, used by the Al Ittihad movement, which has long been linked to Mr bin Laden.

A US diplomat said members of Al Ittihad had refused to band over the identified killers, and US pressure on the local clan to afford some sort of retribution led to fighting last week. Armed groups of fundamentalists fled across the

BY LUCY HANNAN in Mogadishu



Osama bin Laden: A S5m reward for his capture

Kenvan border. Somalia was abandoned by the international community after a US-led military intervention in 1992-93 failed to find a political solution, and resulted in the deaths of US troops, humanitarian workers and hundreds of Somalis.

The country is isolated from the world and without a government, now with almost nothing to offer its impoverished citizens - no public services, oo ministries or civil servants, no border, air or coast controls, no immigration procedures, virtually no communications network, no national security forces and no national intelligence.

government has caused increasing anxiety, especially silnce the embassy bombings. Some 500 FBI agents investigated the bombs, and pointed to a terrorist cell operating in Nairobi and Mombasa, founded by Mr bin Ladeo in 1993. The US is helping Kenya to tighten international security, particularly on the porous Somali border and the coastline.

Whispered rumours of Mr bin Laden's presence are rife in Somalia, inside and outside Mogadishu. But they initially received little serious attention: wby go to a place where anarchy offers no security to a man with a US \$5m reward on his

If ioternational terrorists are looking for state protection, Somalia certainly appears a poor option. Two recently allied Somali faction leaders teruously control the destroyed capital. Mogadishu, and tension and fighting continues in some areas of southern Somalia. There is oot much left of the original Somali state, with two

land, declaring independence. Mr hin Laden would be unlikely to risk asking for the protection of any one faction leader, in view of the shifting

regions, Somaliland and Punt-

But Louis Freeh, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told the US Senate in

Fehruary: "Loosely affiliated extremists" such as Mr bin Laden "may pose the most urgent threat because [they] bring together groups on an ad hoc, temporary basis". Their strength, be says, is in not maintaining a rigid, organisational structure, and in having

a high degree of mobility. So Somalia's total absence of state structures may be useful. And Somalia has changed since the 1991-94 years of political anarchy. In Mogadishu there is a new boom in private business because of relative security and the no-holds-barred war economy financing the warlords. The business tsars, strongly linked to the Arab States and private Islamic

banks, call the shots. One faction leader, Hussein Aideed, son of the notorious General Mohamed Aideed wbo took oo US forces, said he had told US officials that Mr bin Laden or his henchmen may be in soutbern Somalia, in the Gedo region, but were unlike ly to be in Mogadishu. He said only an international investigation could throw up more definite information.

Diplomatic sources say the State Department has told Hussein Aideed that the US citizenship of his family would be revoked if there was any proven co-operation with Al Ittihad, or any known terrorist.

Israeli fights election on corruption stand

IN A MOVE likely to worsen the deep tribal tensions in Israel. BY PATRICK COCKBURN in Jerusalem Aryeh Derl, the leader of the Shas party, is to fight the 17 May election on the issue of his innoceoce of a charge of bribery, factored into for which he has been sen-

teoced to four years in prisoo.
In a videotape, hundreds of thousands of copies of which are to be distributed by Shas, Israel's third biggest party, Mr Derl says he was framed by Israel's third biggest party, Mr of Israel which feels that this "the élites" in a plot intended to destroy him and his party. He is still free while he appeals against the sentence, passed earlier this mooth, for taking \$155,000 (£98,000) in bribes.

Supporters of Shas are

whose families came originally from North Africa and the Middle East. They resent the wealth, secular traditions and grip on power of the Ashkenazi (Jews of European origin).

On the tape Mr Deri says: "There is a group in the State country belongs to it. [This group] decided to establish a secular state in which it is forbidden to mention Torah, Judaism and the Sahbath."

He called an supporters to vote for Shas to protest against the effort "to kill Deri and to

Mr Deri's attempt to portray himself as a martyr will succeed outside the hard core of Shas supporters. But he and his party think it will and in the past they have proved good judges of the mood among Israelis originating in the Middle East.

Shas is also fighting to keep control of the Interior Ministry, once headed by Mr Deri, against the claims of Yisrael Ba'aliyah, the main Russian immigrant party. Shas needs the ministry because it sets municipal budgets, while the Russians want it because it determines which immigrants are accepted as Jews.

'Duch': Contrite killer

Torturer

may not

face trial

THE DISCOVERY in Cambodia

of one of the former Khmer

Rouge government's most

infamous torturers is putting

further pressure on the

authorities to bring to trial

faced trial since it was over-

based Far Eastern Economic Review magazine published an

interview with Kang Kek leu,

56. better known as "Duch."

who was the director of the

Tuol Sleng detention centre where at least 16,000 people

In the interview he says he

is remorseful about his past.

has converted to Christianity and is ready to stand trial. The

authorities have indicated that

they will take action but are in

lived in terror of the chain-

smoking Duch. "He was the most powerful man there, I was scared to see his face. Every day I heard people

screaming when Duch's men

tortured them," he said.

Vann Nath, 53, one of seven survivors of Tuol Sleng, said he

were tortured.

no hurry to do so.

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Boy bids £1.7m in Internet auction

THE PARENTS of 13-year-old Andrew Tyler of New Jersey were in a state of panic after ne placed £1.75m in bids at Internet auctions. The doctor's son offered £312,000 for a Van Gogh, £21,000 for a replica of a Viking ship, and £75,000 for a vintage Superman comic book. He successfully "bought" a £15,000 Corvette and a £250,000 bedroom sinte that once belonged to John McDonald, Canada's first prime minister. But because Andrew is a minor, the sales oo the eBay site are invalid.

Nigeria to rejoin Commonwealth

COMMONWEALTH FOREIGN ministers recommended yesterday that Nigeria's three-year suspension from the 54-nation grouping be lifted. The decision means that Nigeria's full membership is virtually certain to be restored by May 29, when the country's President-elect. Olusegun Ohasanio, is due to take office. Nigeria, then under military rule. was suspended in 1995 after it executed nine minority rights activists.

EU urges Uganda to spare lives

THE EUROPEAN Union has urged Uganda's government in a letter to President Yoweri Museveni to spare the lives of 28 prisoners due to be executed this week, officials at the German embassy in the capital, Kampala, said yesterday. The 28 prisoners, who are on death row for crimes ranging from murder to aggravated robbery, were to be put to death by hanging last night or today, but Mr Museveni has the power to bave the sentence commuted.

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New York studios to rival Hollywood



De Niro wants to bring Hollywood to the Big Apple

BY DAVID USBORNE in New York

THE ACTOR Robert De Niro has emerged as the force be-hind an ambitious plan to build a buge studio and sound-stage complex in the empty Navy Yards of Brooklyn, which could give New York film production facilities to rival the biggest and most famous in Hollywood.

The Brooklyn studios would help to speed the shift of the film industry's centre of gravlty from southern California, A letter of intent to begin construction could be signed by Mr De Niro and his partners with New York's mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, on Monday.

Mr De Niro, who heads the tiny TriBeCa Productions, approached the city with his proposals six months ago, then teamed up with Harvey Wein-stein, flamboyant chief of Miramax Films, also hased in New York, and still basking in the Oscar triumphs of Shakespeare in Love.

They plan to build 12 sound stages costing \$140m (£90m) on a 15-acre site in the middle of the yards, in a rough area of Brooklyn across the East River from the southeastern tip of



The view from the once-bustling Brooklyn Navy Yards in New York, where Miramax's Harvey Weinstein (left) and Robert De Niro plan to build a dozen sound stages

make up for the 70,000 jobs progenerous tax-break packages vided in the beyday of the ship-yards - ooce the higgest in America - but they would bring new employment and prestige to an area of New York that has been largely forgotten, "This is the equivalent of a Universal Studio, where they especially for urban, outdoor

The New York Times. "If this is a success it could revitalise the whole area. New York has become the darling location for many Hol-

could shoot a whole movie from

start to finish," one source told

offered by Mayor Giuliani and other gestures of hospitality the turning over of whole neighbourhoods for shoots, day and night, for example - Hollywood has been migrating to the Apple more and more often,

It is a phenomenon, spurred also by the recent drop in crime in the city, that has begun to test the patience of some New York residents. Roam the streets of Manhattan on almost any day lywood directors. Thanks to and you are likely to find some

form of film production going on somewhere, drawing boards of gawkers - if stars are involved - and fouling traffic

Last year alone, the industry pumped \$2.6bn into the city's economy, paying for crews. lighting, catering, botel rooms and so forth. The number of feature films shot, or partially shot, in New York soared to 221 from 69 in 1993. There has been a similar jump in the numbers of television shows made in the city, as well as a rise in related activities, including commercial and music video production.

Industry insiders warn that the De Niro-Miramax project still faces many hurdles, oot least over financing. So far, Mr De Niro and Mr Weinstein are believed to have secured about \$70m, half from private backers and half from city and state funding. But a further \$80m or

so must be found. A possible saviour may be the Union Labor Life Insurance Company, which is studying the plans. "We're taking a hard look at it," said one official from Union Life. "It's clear

enough studios to handle both television and film production that could take place there. What's unclear to us is exactly what types of studios should be there - film or television - and

where they should be." The Navy Yards hardly seems the most hospitable spot for limousine-stars who like to be pampered. It is not in Manhattan, and the surrounding neighbourhood, though emptied of the brothels that used to thrive there, is not exactly Beverly Hills. Donald Trump, the legendary New York developer,

L.A. SUNSET?

THE NEW joint venture between Miramax and De Niro is just the latest sign that film production is gravitating away from its traditional home in southern California.

Hollywood's main attractions - the expertise of local crews, the cost benefits of shooting on the back lots of the studios financing the films. and great weather - are all becoming less compelling as the industry becomes more mobile, more advanced and much more money conscious.

For years, southern California has slowly been pricing Itself out of the market. Real estate has become so inflated that many studios have either sold off their back lots to property developers or adapted them to other uses. notably television

productions. The Fox lot in west Los Angeles, for example, was sold off in the 1970s and turned into the Century City office and shopping complex, familiar to fans of the original Die Hard movie, With costs spiralling for top-line stars and marketing, studios have tried to squeeze "below the line" costs, such as equipment rentals and wages for crews. Union representation for camera and lighting operators has eroded as studios threaten to take productions elsewhere.

was quick to join the fray yes-

terday, proposing an alternative site on Manhattan's Upper

The now-derelict Navy Yards

were at their pinnacle during

the Second World War when

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clock to produce warships, air-

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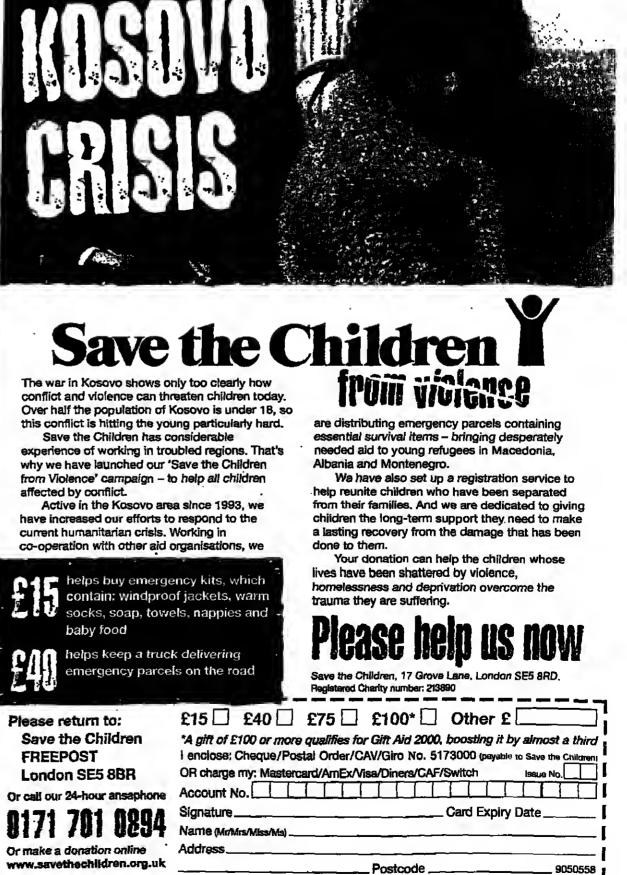
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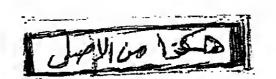
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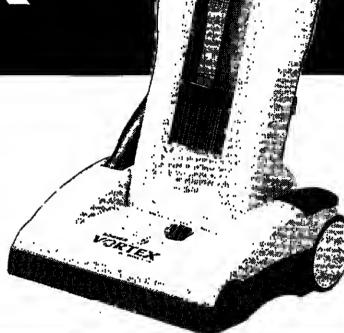
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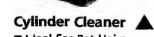
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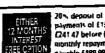
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'Nazi euthanasia' doctor on trial

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VIENNA

AUSTRIA IS not a backward country. Opera is subsidised by the state and the streets are safe to walk at night. Parks are well maintained and public children killed in the clinic. transport is cheap and efficient.

At this time of year it seems particularly civilised. The pace of pavement life slows to a stroll as the sunshine prompts a blossoming of cafe tables on the streets.

Suitably enough, the change taking place in Austrian society is manifested as more of a breeze than a wind. A new generation has taken its place in most areas of the establishment - and it seems more willing than its predecessors to try clearing up the anomalies from the Second World War, which remain unresolved.

But this willingness is conditional. Although the new generation wants to take a closer look at the sins of its fathers. there remains a reluctance to ask why those sins were often but seeing no ripples". She compounded by 50 years of said people simply did not official inaction.

What the postwar generation is now examining is best illustrated by the forthcoming trial of Dr Heinrich Gross, accused of involvement in the Second World War "euthanasia" murders of disabled children at Vienna's notorious Am

Spiegelgrund Children's clinic. This is not just another war crimes hearing; Dr Gross, now more than 80 years old. played a fully fledged part in the postwar order. The establishment bonoured him with a research institute of his own, a medal for the work he did there and expert witness status with the High Court. a post he resigned

only two years ago.
The difficult part for anyone

to stomach is that his reputation was built on research. conducted largely after the war, on the preserved brains of

Dr Gross says: "I had nothing to do with the killing of these children. I knew about the killings but I was not involved in them."

As he goes to court, the case should be surrounded by a storm of questions. How did be rise to such a high position in postwar society? Why didn't the politicians and judges wbo worked with him question his past, which was, after all, an open secret?

But Austria is not convulsed by debate on the matter. It never has been. Marianne Enigl, the journalist who broke the story of the respected court doctor's past, said her articles exposing him in the news magazine *Profil* in 1995 were like "dropping a stone into a pool want to confront the past. "No one wants to go back."

The newspapers are not running commentaries on the Gross case; the Austrian equivalent of the BBC, the ORF, has never made a lengthy documentary on the story to ask wby so many people wbo knew what happened at the clinic failed to accuse the doctor.

But things are moving, even though, as Dr Gross's lawyer Dr Nikolaus Lehner freely admits, it is now very late. His theory is that only now, when those in power are postwar educated, does the Austrian establishment have the confidence and desire to examine the events of the Second World War. A number of Third Relch



Dr Heinrich Gross, a pillar of the Austrian establishment who is accused of involvement in the wartime murders of children profitSMP

past year. But although restitution and compensation are being made, questions might also be asked of why the postwar establishment did nothing

The world-renowned Pernkopf anatomy reference book was put under the spotlight last year after it was admitted that the illustrations used were probably of beheaded victims of the Nazis. Swastikas drawn

book's illustrations had been airbrushed out over the years. A Vienna University inves-

tigation revealed that more than 1,000 Austrians killed for minor infractions of Nazi laws ended up on medical dissection tables and that photographs of some of them were still being peered at by medical students revising for exams.

But the book is not being withdrawn - the researchers

cases have emerged during the next to signatures on the have instead called for a suit only after the Schiele case out by war crimes trials and past year. But although restibook's illustrations had been able explanation to be added to that a national inventory of have not faded completely with able explanation to be added to further editions.

The art world bas also been shaken from a stupor of complacency. Two state-owned paintings by the expressionist Egon Schiele were confiscated in New York after claims that they had been effectively stolen from their rightful owners in the aftermath of the war.

An artwork with a shady

that a national inventory of state-owned art was ordered.

Within the last few months. 250 pieces have been returned in Austria. The postwar gento the Rothschild family alone. eration has had to confront But there bave been few many unresolved questions demands for the heads of those from the Nazi era - and the fact museum officials who blackmailed the art from impoverished refugees or hid the fact that this had been done.

ciety was to ignore the blood on The deep stains left by the many people's hands.

HANNAH CLEAVER past is not news here but it was Third Reich were not washed

the passing of time and the establishment of a democracy that many of their predecessors decided the easiest, or

only, way to establish a new so-

Youth two in school

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy shot two students at a high school in the west Canadian province of Alberta, killing one.

The boy, who has not been named, is said to have walked into the hall of WR Meyers High School on Wednesday and aimed a .22 calibre rifle at a student doing homework.

Greg Tomcala, 14, who witnessed the attack, said: "He was shot point-blank in the chest."

Police identified the dead student as Jason Lang, 17. The other victim, Shane Christmas, also 17, had emergency surgery, but details of his

condition were not known. The shooting happened in the town of Taber, a farming community with a population of 8,000 about 200 miles southeast of Calgary and 50 miles north of the border with

The boy responsible for the attack was taken into custody after being wrestled to the ground by a gym instructor.

A local newspaper quoted students who identified the attacker as a ninth-grade student who had dropped out and was being taught at bome. "He said he's been really distressed," said one student. "He

didn't have very many friends." The Rev Dale Lang, father of the murdered student, said he believed last week's school massacre at Littleton, near Denver, Colorado, bad sparked the attack.

"I feel very sorry for this dis-turbed individual," be told the National Post, "I have no doubt he was impacted by the violence he saw in Colorado."



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BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Unigate victorious in Terranova bid

UNIGATE LAST night emerged victorious in its bid for control of Terranova, after the board of the chilled foods group agreed to recommend Unigate's higher bid to its shareholders. On Wednesday, Unigate raised its offer from 125p to 150p valuing Terranova – which was spun off from Hillsdown last year – at £274m. Unigate then went into the market securing 29.9 per cent of the company, the maximum allowed by the City takeover code. That, together with the backing of Phillips & Drew, gave it control of 48.6 per cent of Terranova's shares.

Home shopping service expands



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OPEN, the former British Interactive Broadcasting. announced that WH Smith, the bigh street retailer, Manchester United football club, and the travel agency Going Places are to join its new entertainment and bome shopping service to be launched this autumn. Other big brand signings announced yesterday

include Abbey National. Yellow Pages, and PA, the UK news agency. Content providers previously announced include Argos, Dixons, Iceland and Woolworths. Richard

Handover (pictured), the WH Smith chief executive who earlier this week announced a new free Internet service, said: "This will be a further step as we continue to build on the strength of the WH Smith brand."

BAT chairman attacks health treaty

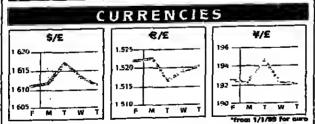
BAT CHAIRMAN Martin Broughton said yesterday that the World Health Organisation had been hijacked by "zealots" in its attempt to impose the world's first public bealth treaty by 2003. "The WHO seems to have been hijacked by zealots in its desire to set itself up as some sort of supernanny." he told investors attending the company's annual meeting in London, BAT reported first-quarter pre-tax profits of £309m, which beat expectations. Shares soared 39p to close at 544p.

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THE PACE of recovery in the BY LEA PATERSON UK housing market was stepped up last month, according to the banks, with mortgage lending surging by

almost 40 per cent. Data published vesterday by the British Bankers' Association (BBA) revealed that gross mortgage lending soared to £4.97bn in March, £1.36bn higher than in February and 3t per cent higher than in March 1998.

Net tending rose by more than f1bn for the fifth successive month, and there was a near doubling in the number of approvals.

Tim Sweeney at the BBA said: "In the current interest rate environment, the strong approvals data suggest that the upturn could be sustained in the months ahead."

The Bank of England's re-

terest rate cuts has prompted sharp falls in many mortgage rates and sparked a recovery

in the housing market. There have been marked increases in house prices in most of the country, especially in Greater London, and analysts are bullish about market prospects.

Neil Parker, economist at Royal Bank of Scotland, said:

second wind to the housing market. I think we're going to see quite significant gains in

prices this year." Meanwhile, the latest quar-terly forecast by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) will add to the growing economic optimism when it is published

The NIESR has upped its "It's pretty clear that the scale forecast for growth this year 2.5 per cent.

Home loans surge follows interest rate cuts

cent string of aggressive in- of the rate cuts has given a from 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent ment's 1 to 1.5 per cent fore-

> tt argues that the recent recovery in confidence should belo the economy achieve a soft landing.

The pace of the UK recovery will accelerate during the course of the year, according to the NIESR, and growth in 2000 now looks set to approach

growth is a rise in inflation. which is forecast to overshoot the Government's 2.5 per cent target during next year. The scope for further interest rate cuts is limited, the NIESR says.

Like other commentators. it warns that the UK will increasingly become a "two speed" economy with the service sector booming, but manufacturing mired in



From left: Tim Byrne, Airtours finance director, Harry Coe, MD, and David Crossland, chairman, yesterday

Airtours launches £852m hostile bid for First Choice

KEY FACTS ON THE HOLIDAY GIANTS

BY NIGEL COPE **Associate City Editor**

AIRTOURS YESTERDAY launched an £852m hostile bid for First Choice Holidays in a move which would create Britain's leading holiday company and potentially trigger an all-out bid battle in Britain's cut-throat travel in-

Airtours' bid for First Choice would give the combined company 34 per cent of Britain's package holiday market, ahead of Thomson Travel which has 25 per cent.

Thomson has repeatedly said it would defend its market leadership vigorously and said so again at its annual meeting yesterday, "We have been market leader in the UK for the past 25 years and have no intention of surrendering this position," Thomson's chairman Michael Brown told shareholders.

The bellicose remarks fuelled speculation that Thomson will launch a rival bid for First Choice, if only as a spoiling tactic to delay the issue in a lengthy competition inquiry

First Choice is already in the midst of a £t.5bn agreed merger with Kuoni, the upmarket

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA, the

national newspaper and television group, vesterday agreed to

pay \$920m for a US print and

online publisher of computer

titles and said it was also keen to expand its UK publishing

Lord Hollick, chief executive

of UN&M, said the deal did not

put it under any financial pres-

sure to sell its flagship Express

newspaper titles and added that

the group was on the lookout for

The US company that UN&M

is acquiring. CMP Media, owns

and television interests.

further acquisitions.

Sales: £1,2bn Sales: £3bn Market share: 15% Market share: 19% Travel agencies: 250 Travel agencies: 960.

Hollick buys US publisher for \$920m

Swiss tour operator Yesterday First Choice said the Airtours bid raises significant competition issues" which would eventually scupper the deal.

Airline: Air 2000

The all share bid from Airtours, which unsuccessfully bid for First Choice in 1993 when it was called Owners Abroad, is pitched at 229p per share. This is a 54 per cent premium to the implied price of First Choice shares in the Kuoni bid.

Airtours' bid has already received acceptances or indications of support from 43.7 per cent of First Choice shareholders. Of these, 29 per cent are irrevocable. This figure includes the 10 per cent stake held by Thomas Cook, which blocked the

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

a number of leading computing

and electronics titles including

Information Week. Computer

Reseller News and Electronic

Engineering Times and also

The business, 68 per cent

operates 40 online sites under

owned by the Leeds family, will

be merged with UN&M's trade

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Business Editor

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tion company.

last Airtours-First Choice bid when it acquired a "White

Airline: Airtours

Knight" blocking stake. Analysts said Thomson could possibly launch a bid of up to 250p per share, valuing First Choice at nearly £940m.

Thomson backed up its sabre-rattling rhetoric with the launch yesterday of an aggressive price campaign and an increase in boliday capacity for oext year. The move sent shock waves through the sector, which has only recently recovered its reputation for stability after woefully misjudging demand in 1995.

Thomson's shares closed 24p lower at 130.5p while Airtours share also fell, by 27p to 431p. First Choice shares rose 7.5p to

Lord Hollick also said it was

considering a tracker listing on

the US Nasdag index and a flota-

The price paid by UN&M

represents two-times CMP's

sales and 31 times its earnings

last year before interest, tax, de-

preciation and amortisation of

\$29m. Restructuring costs of

\$65m will be taken as an ex-

ceptional charge in UN&M's

accounts but savings of \$40m are

forecast by 2000, making the ac-

tion of the CMPNet business.

200.5p, some way below the level of the Airtours offer. Airtours said it was confi-

dent that its bid would not fall foul of the regulatory authorities. It claimed the UK market share of the combined group would be "only" 25 per cent. It added that it expected the bid to be scrutinised by the regulatory authorities in Brussels rather than the UK's Office of Fair Trading and that it would receive "fast track" clearance in 6-6 weeks. We believe we have got a very good chance of achieving compebtion clearance" said David

Crossland, Airtours' chairman. Airtours believes it will achieve annual cost savings of 235m from the deal. These will be achieved through the combination of head offices and administrative functions.

The deal was criticised by independent tour operators and smaller travel agents who complained the merger would create an effective duopoly within the UK travel industry. Airtours admitted the deal would not lead

to lower boliday prices. The terms of the Airtours offer are one new Airtours share for every two First Choice shares beld.

CMP was floated in the US for

\$500m two years ago.
The acquisition is the first

major buy by UN&M since the

end of 1996 and will leave

UN&M with £1.25bn debt. But

Lord Hollick said he was inter-

ested in further acquisitions.

In particular, be would like to

raise UN&M's stake in Channel

UN&M owns 29 per cent but

there has been speculation the 18 per cent stake held by venture

capital fund Warburg Pincus is

for sale. Lord Hollick said he had

"Siemens will now be re-

stituency is close to the plant. The Siemens plant received a total of £60m in ald, of which £43m came from the UK. In addition to the £18m of RSA, Siemens also received £10m from English Partnerships.

£8m from City Challenge to pay for roads and other structural improvements, £5m from Tyneside Training and Enterprise Council and 22m from North Tyneside Council. Further financial aid was provided from European Union funds A spokeswoman said: "We have always said we would re-

ment.

Siemens could not say bow much more of the outstanding UK aid would be repaid. The spokeswoman said it was not possible to return some of the financial support because It had been provided in the form of training.

ing of the announcement was

Siemens ordered to repay £18m in grant aid

SIEMENS, the German elec- By MICHAEL HARRISON tronics giant, was yesterday ordered to repay £18m it received in government grant aid to belp build its doomed semiconductor plant on Tyne-

Stephen Byers, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons that Siemens had failed to meet conditions that were set down when it received the money towards opening the £1bn facto-

ry in 1997. Siemens announced the closure of the plant at Wallsend

July, blaming a collapse in semiconductor orices. The demand for repayment of the £18m in regional selective assistance effectively spells the

end of attempts to find a buyer for the plant. Speaking during a Tory-led

debate on the economy in the Commons, Mr Byers said his department would now offer regional selected assistance grants to help attract other inward investment in the North East region and other parts of the country.

quired, as a matter of urgency, to repay the £18m they received," said Mr Byers, whose own Tyneside North con-

turn any money we were asked to pay back and we will not renege on that." Alan Wood, the chief executive of Siemens UK. is expected to meet Mr Byers today to discuss the repay-

Mr Byers stressed the tim-

AND SARAH SCHAFFER not a result of the company's decision to open a new plant near Paris. "The time is a pure coincidence", he said. Officials bad sent out the invoice this morning after Siemens bad ceased to continue with a marketing

campaign for the Typeside There is a skeleton staff of about 80 people left at the plant, which will be officially mothballed in June. The actual with the loss of 1,100 jobs last amount invested in the project was £680m as the closure was announced before Siemens

> went ahead with a second phase of expansion at the site. Immediately after the closure announcement, the then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Peter Mandelson, set up a government-led taskforce



Byers: Siemens has failed to meet conditions, he says

to try to save the plant. Since then there have been several expressions of interest but no serious buyers, and the taskforce has ceased work. However, Siemens said it

remained open to offers from any interested parties. When the go-ahead was

given for the plant in 1995, Siemens forecast that the world-wide market for semiconductors would reach \$200bn within three years, but it only reached \$145bn. Over the same period, overcapacity in the world-wide semiconductor market brought the price of memory chips down from \$55 to

The Tyneside plant was also hit by the loss of a partnership agreement with a Taiwanese company that would have guaranteed half its output for 10

Freeman, to create a high-tech quisition earnings enhancing. no plan to sell the Express titles. Outlook, page 19 business to business informa-The deal will yield a \$625m windfall for the Leeds family.

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

NEW YORK

LONDON BLUE-CHIPS closed sharply lower as investors took profits after the recent record-breaking run. The FTSE-100 index finished 10t.2 points lower at 6497.6, despite a firm opening on Wall Street. However, the FTSE-250 ended 2.9 higher at 5816.6 and the Small Cap posted a 9.4 gain to 2557.7.

Mining and oil stocks were among the best-performing bluechips as investors switched from growth sectors such as pharmaceuticals into cyclical shares. Market Report page 21

THE DOW JONES was on course for another record close yesterday, trading just below the 11,000 level by lunchtime. The index set a new intraday high of 10.924 soon after the market opened, but fell back to 10,886 up 10 points - by midday.

A benign wage inflation report showed US labour costs rising at their slowest rate on record. The employment cost index rose 0.4 per cent in the first quarter of the year, duwn from 0.7 per cent in the previous quarter.

HONG KONG

BARGAIN-HUNTING pushed Hong Kong shares higher, with the benchmark Hang Seng index closing up 46.31 points at 13,179.70. The index dipped below the 13,000 level during the trading day to set an intraday low of 12,881.60.

Howard Gorges, head of research at South China Securities, said: "The market seems to be alive and well but a bit caubous on blue chips and the big

The Tokyo market was closed for a national holiday.

SAO PAULO

PROFIT-TAKING sent Brazilian sbares modestly lower, with the Bovespa index trading down 0.6 per cent at 11,056 points by

the early afternoon. The Bovespa was as much as 2.1 per cent bigher in early trade, following a cut in interest rates on Wednesday

evening. The central bank reduced its key Selic rate by 2 percentage points to 32 per cent, its fourth rate eut since January's

currency crisis.

FRANKFURT GERMAN stocks fell for a second

successive day, with weak first quarter corporate earnings dragging down the main indices. The electronic Xetra Dax dropped 29.66 points, or 0.55 per cent, to 5,323.06. The floor Dax closed 0.27 per cent lower at 5,334.42.

Among companies reporting disappointing earnings were the chemicals group Hoechst, which fell 3.3 per cent to 42.5 euros, and the airline Lufthansa, which said pre-tax profit in 1999 was likely to be lower than in 1998.

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Eight years and the US boom goes on

LET'S START with a celebration. for today we will receive the news that the US economy has just completed eight years of uninterrupted growth. We get the first estimate of GDP for the January: March quarter, which will be positive, of course though perhaps not at the heady rate of the last quarter of 1998. This expansion is currently still a few months short of the record one of the 1960s. but there is surely enough momentum to carry it on through the rest of this year so it should at least match the previous

It is an astounding achievement. all the more so because the last two years have seen the US driving on swiftly into the beadwind of sharp recession in east Asia and relative stagnation in much of continental Europe. The very scale of the achievement raises inevitable ques-

tions of "why?" and "how long?" For the "why?" I'm grateful to some work by the Conference Board, a US research group which has developed its own index of leading indicators covering the labour market, manufacturing. bousehold and financial indicators. Its conclusion, looking at the signals that this gives and applying the appropriate lags, is that there is very little danger of recession this year, less in fact than there has been at several earlier stages in the expansion (see



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'why?' and 'how long?'

The strongest driver of this index - the key thing which gives the Conference Board the confidence that the US outlook is secure - is finance. Low sbort-term interest rates and plentiful liquidity should enable the expansion to carry on, since there has been no recession since the Second World War which has not been preceded by a sharp rise in interest rates. So providing this

cootinues, all seems set fair. Meanwhile, consumers have found their confidence bolstered by the rising value of their share portfolios and their houses. Last year personal in-

congruence of low interest

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come rose by 4 per cent, the out actually going into receslargest increase in the 1990s. There was a rise in the number of people in work and in the number of hours people worked, as well as wage increases in the 4-4.5 per cent region. So people keep will keep spending (right-hand chart). and while they do so the US economy will remain bullet-

If it is relatively easy to answer the "why?" question, what about the "how long?".

Trying to answer that becomes a bit like an exercise in rounding up the usual suspects. There are a number of different things that might end the expansion and we know what they are. The problem is to know which ones will break cover and show themselves to

Start with the obvious. There are, first, three things which would put pressure on consumer spending: a rise in inflation and interest rates, a rise in unemployment, and a fall in share prices. We know enough about the history of economic cycles to know that all are not just possible but - sooner or later - inevitable.

The only real issue is wbether, when this clutch of negatives comes along, they will show themselves in a benign or a malevolent form, If benign, we get a period of below-trend growth which enables the econorny to rebuild some slack withsion. If malevolent, then recession looms

Aside from these direct influences on US domestic consumption, there are also potential external influences. Were the euro to attract a little more confidence, there could be a gradual switch of assets away from the dollar. A falling dollar nught in the long run help US exports and help demand that way, but it would put pressure on US interest rates because of

the impact on prices. One of the main reasons why US price performance has been so impressive is because of the combination of a strong dollar and low commodity prices. The commodity price cycle may possibly have turned the oil cycle seems to have done sor, and at some level eventually the dollar cycle will turn. When it does, inflation will re-eilierge.

Beyond that sort of probably gradual change, there is the chance of an external shock: something that suddenly changes the mood of the world economy. The most obvious candidate is the millennium bug or YEK: either actual disruption because of computer failures around the turn of the year or feared disruption.

Such is the way of the world. that usually it is the thing you don't foresee which will bite you in the backside. The one absolutely certain thing that can



Customers in a Boston computer shop for a midnight sale. The Internet is a key element in the current US boom AP

AMERICA'S EIGHT-YEAR BOOM confidence has ret Index 1985=100 Probability of recession is still low

be said about the Y2K problem is that it has not just been foreseen: we have been bored almost to destruction by it. I suppose the most sensible thing to say about Y2K is simply that the millennium comes at an awkward time in the glob-

But all this is to carp. Sure, the macro-economic discussion about the long American boom has to look towards its eventual end, but to focus on the macro-numbers is to ignore the qualitative aspects of this particular expansion. the things which make influenced by the communi-

it different from the others. It will be another three or four years before we can hope to see this boom in any perspective, but however it ends whether with a squeak or a bang - the new element will always be the way it has been

cations technology of the Internet. If we are in the latter stages of the expansion we are still in the very early stages of the exploitation of this new technology.

It is overwhelmingly an American phenomenon, in the sense that it has been in the States where the potential applications have been most rapidly exploited. The latter stages of this boom have been overwhelmingly technology-

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Every boom is different, and this one is no exception. My guess is that it will indeed just surpass the 1960s expansion in its longevity, but the thing it will be remembered for will not be that: it will be the way it spawned a new technology which gives a glimpse of the

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Washington urges tighter controls on hedge funds

AMERICA AND Britain should pressure offshore financial centres to tighten their stanoards and their scruting of hedge funds, the US said in a report released vesterday.

Hedge funds would have to trods colternoisi erem ebivoro their activities under proposals released by the US Treasury. The probe was triggered by the near-collapse of Long-Term and the government decision to

The President's Working Group on Financial Markets self-regulation and to force the brought together the Treasury. the Federal Reserve. the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to assess

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

the risks in the industry and possible solutions. The final report includes "a

number of policy recommendections that are designed to reduce the potential risks of. excessive leverage as demonstrated by the near-collapse of Capital Management last year ment, the White House said in a statement accompanying the

It aims to tighten industry risks it is taking. It shies away from direct regulation on the argument that hedge funds would move further offshore, outside the ambit of US regulators.

LTCM was based in the Cayman Islands, Regulators from the US and other Group of Seven countries should press offshore financial centres to tighten their standards and apply capital requirements, the report says.

It should also consider raising the risk weighting for trans-actions with offshore banks, and making it difficult for offshore in-Long Term Capital Manage: "risdictions to pertinate in in-ment," the White House said in ternational financial discussions unless they comply.

Several of the world's major offshore centres, including the Caymans and the Channel Isprivate sector to disclose what lands, are under British rule although self-governed.

It recommends that the SEC and the CFTC be given more power to investigate firms that deal with hedge funds.

IN BRIEF

Liffe battles for **US** screens

LIFFE, the London futures exchanges today takes its battle with Frankfurt rival Eurex to the United States by tabling a formal request for a waiver from a Federal ban on installing Liffe Connect trading screens in the US. Eurex is already active in the US having succeeded in placing large numbers of screens before US regulators imposed the ban pending clarification of the regulatory position.

TT setback

TT GROUP suffered another setback in its bid for Hall Engineering yesterday after Acertec, a management buyout team backed by Candover Partners, raised its offer to 170p a share. But the specialist engineer did manage to rescue Prestwick Holdings, a printed board circuit manufacturer which it already held 26.4 per cent of, from receivership with a £700,000 agreed takeover offer. TT Group said it was "considering" whether to review its 136p a share cash offer, which values Hall at £72.7m.

Amazon falls

WIDENING THIRD-quarter losses and a profits warning from Amazon.com triggered early falls in hi-tech stocks on Wall Street yesterday as the Internet bookseller said losses would continue to rise as it spends more on promotions and new services. First-quarter losses increased to \$61.7m from \$10.4m a year earlier as Amazon.com, which has lost money since it began in 1994, bought stakes in online companies, moved into

businesses such as auctions.

IMF agrees terms of \$4.5bn loan to Russia

tary Fund has agreed terms of a \$1.5bn loan to Russia, its first since it cut off lending to the country in the wake of the government's debt default last August, writes Lea Paterson.

Michel Camdessus. IMF managing director, warned Russia the loan was conditional on fiscal, financial and structural reforms, including revisions of banking laws, improved tax collection and assurances the money will not be misused.

Speaking in Washington, Mr Camdessus said: "As soon as the measures are implemented and I have received the necessary assurances, I shall ask the execu-

THE INTERNATIONAL Mone- tive board to consider Russia's request for a standby arrangement of \$4.5bn over 18 months. of which \$3bn would be in the first 12 months."

The loan, which fell slightly short of expectations, is likely to be part of a \$7.5bn package, with money promised by other lenders, including the World Bank. Once debt rescheduling is taken into account, the total package is likely to total \$24bn.

Russia is unlikely to meet several of the IMF conditions. But analysts said the polifical pressure to bail out Russia was so great the money may be released without implementation of all the requisite reforms.

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Air rage as tour operators go to war

BRITAIN'S SUN and sea package holiday industry has been through some pitched battles in its time, but this one is shaping up to be a very bloody affair indeed. There was First Choice Holidays, trying desperately to squeeze through a cosy agreed merger with Kuoni, and now all hell has broken loose. In an attempt to wrest the market leadership from Thomson, Airtours has piled in. Thomson, for whom size is clearly very important, might bid itself. Already it has launched a spoiling campaign, with an increase in holiday capacity, a new budget brand and a series of low-priced offers.

That Airtours has muscled in on the First Choice-Kuoni tie-up is not surprising. The cost-cutting potential is much bigger and so are the benefits of enhanced market power But its assertion that it is likely to receive fast-track clearance from Brussels is surely misguided. The combined group would have 34 per cent of the UK travel market, as well as sizeable shares in Scandinavia.

Airtours has been here before, of course. Back in 1993, when it bid for what was then called Owners Abroad, the Office of Fair Trading advised that the deal be referred to the MMC. However, the then Competi-



OUTLOOK

tion Minister, Neil Hamilton, disagreed. The Government, in the shape of DTI president Michael Heseltine, eventually decided not to refer but the whole episode left a bad smell Mr Hamilton knew David Crossland, the Airtours chairman, and he was also one of Mr Hamilton's constituents.

This time around the deal will be studied in Brussels and with Karel van Miert in his present belligerent state of mind, the deal looks to be on shaky ground, First Choice says the Airtours bid would raise serious competition issues, but can hardly be seen to be lobbying for a referral as this would be against its own shareholders' interests. The Airtours offer

is clearly superior to the Kuoni ously nerdy computer titles with an merger. First Choice shareholders can hardly believe their luck. It would ill become their directors to

say sorry, but we prefer the lower bid. What may be a good deal for shareholders is hardly likely to bencfit consumers. Airtours admitted yesterday that its deal would not lead to lower prices. Holidaymakers will enjoy wider choice instead, they ar-

The travel industry was given a clean bill of health by the MMC as recently as 1997 but much has changed since then. The market has consolidated and this deal could lead to an effective duopoly controlled by Airtours and Thomson, with Thomas Cook a distant third. Hold on for a humpy ride.

United/CMP

LORD HOLLICK has been bitten by the Internet bug and the infection has induced him to part company with the thick end of \$1bn for a US technology media company. Behind all the gobbledygook and managementspeak of yesterday's press release. it appears that what he has really bought is a publisher of some seri-

online business tacked on for good measure. No matter. The market liked it, moving United News & Media's shares smartly upwards, while the Leeds family which owns CMP Media positively loved it. They floated the business for \$500m in 1997 and now their 68 per cent stake is worth \$625m.

It takes a serious anorak to subscribe to hard-core titles like Computer Reseller News, But these mags and the advertising they bring in are big business. Luckily for UN&M. they have also been indifferently run until now, which means there is plenty of scope for cutting out the dead wood and improving margins. UN&M reckons it can comfortably extract an extra \$40m by combining its US acquisition with its existing trade shows and business-to-business publishing arm, Miller Freeman.

More interesting is what hap-pens to the rest of the Hollick empire. The Labour Lord insists that the \$1.25bn of debt UN&M will have after the deal is complete does not put him under any pressure to sell the Express oewspaper titles. On the cootrary, the margins he eovisages making from CMP may enable him to afford to hang on to his national

newspaper trophy assets. Mean-while television looks the more fertile ground for corporate action. Granada's swoop on Scottish Media Group has made it difficult for Lord Hollick to add another Channel 3 franchise to his portfolio, but he has made no secret of his desire to increase UN&M's 29 per cent stake in Channel 5.

Not that bad

THE FINANCIAL Services and Markets Bill has had an extraordinarily bad (not to say ill-informed) press for what is in truth an entirely practical and relatively enlightened piece of legislation. So Howard Davies, chairman of the Financial Services Authority must have been relieved by yesterday's report from the parliamentary committee which has been examining the Bill.

Essentially the legislation gets a clean bill of health. There are caveats. The committee recommends that eventually Mr Davies' position be split into the separate roles of oon-executive chairman and chief executive. More importantly, it makes a series of recommendations to deal with the Treasury's orig-

inal proposals on discipline and enforcement, which it thinks gave rise "to great concern". In particular it wants the Government urgently to ensure that the Bill fully complies with the European Convention on **Human Rights.**

But in most other respects the proposed set-up for regulation of the City and the financial services industry is broadly welcomed. So why was there such a rumpus about it all? Concern has centred on three

areas. First is immunity from prosecution for the FSA, which seems to leave few avenues of redress in cases of regulatory abuse. The thinking bebind immunity is that the FSA wouldn't be able to do its job if it were constantly having to consider the possibility of being sued. It is for this reason that other enforcers - police, Crown Prosecution Service and judiciary – are also immune to legal redress, and always have been.

The committee rightly agrees that it should be no different for the FSA, even though what the FSA does is plainly rather different from that of a criminal authority. On the other hand, the City is so filled with rich and powerful organisations, that it could be argued the FSA's need for

Second is the possibility of abuse in disciplinary proceedings. In this area, the committee properly rec-ommends a series of safeguards to ensure fairness in proceedinga. Some might disagree, but there is no good reason for those accused of financial abuse or negligence to have fewer protections under the law than a murderer or rapist.

The third area of concern is a more general one - that the FSA is bureaucratic monster that will clog up the City with rules, regulations and red tape. Plainly this is a danger, but for the time being, very few of the City's big operators in the wholesale markets seem to think it much of one. Goldman Sachs cites the "enlightened" regulatory regime operated by the FSA as one of the reasons it is conceotrating its European operations on London, Other foreign owned investment banks adopt a similar view.

The Financial Services Bill shouldn't be apologised for. Its early drafts contained some quite serious faults. However, the recommendations in Lord Burns' report should succeed in making what at root is a good piece of legislation, which ought to support and encourage the City's success, even better,

Ashcroft revises bid for CSG |FSA 'should cover mortgages'

NEW CARLISLE, the group led BY ANDREW VERITY by the Consurvetive Party Treesurer Michael Ashcroft, yesterday revised its £282m takeover offer for Corporate Services Group following the Takeover Panel's decision to prevent it withdrawing the bid.

The group announced a new bid which values shares in the troubled recruitment company at the same price as before. 120p, but with a larger element of cash. The offer is being ex-tended by 12 days to May 11.

The group said it would offer 157.65, plus 3.525 New Carliste shares, plus "up to £32.31 in additional cash", for every 100 shares in CSG.

Industry observers privatesaid they believed the new

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offer was a roundabout way for New Carlisle to back out of the bidding.

Last week, the Takeover Panel ruled New Carlisle must proceed with its original bid. It ruled out a condition attached to the bid by New Carlisle, that the directors at the time of the offer should keep their seats on the board.

Since the original offer was made on April 1, Jeffrey Fowler, the chairman, has resigned from the group. Mr Fowler and other directors faced a vote on 4 May, called by rebel shareholders, to install three directors led by Michael Davies, chairman of National Express.

Three more of the current directors Renald de Young, Tim Holland-Bosworth and the acting chairman Ralph Hulbert - have signalled their readiness to resigo. But they have agreed to stay on until the

4 May vote.

The new offer requires 90 per cent acceptances by shareholders. It also stipulates that the opportunity to take the higher cash alternative announced today will lapse after

The rebel shareholders bold wer to per cent of Corporate Services Group. Shares in the group have fallen from a peak of 261p last year to 91p in March, before New Carlisle launched its bid.



Michael Ashcroft: New bid has larger cash element

THE JOINT parliamentary com- BY ANDREW GARFIELD

halder standing the proposed legislation for the new Financial Services Authority yesterday recommended the Government widen its scope to include the provision of mortgages and longterm care plans for the elderly.

The committee also recommended spbtting the roles of chairman and chief executive, currently filled by Howard Davies, and bas proposed a tougher complaints procedure including the appointment of a complaints investigator to profrom abuse of the sweeping powers that the new financial sector regulator will have.

It recommends the investigator be allowed to award com- cepted consumers groups' ar-

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pensation in cases of FSA "maladministration", that defendants in FSA disciplinary hearings be entitled to legal aid, and that the practice of routinely awarding costs against defendants in disciplinary hearings be stopped.

The committee, composed of MPs, broadly accepted the thrust of the Government's proposals for bringing regulation of the industry under one roof although one consult to executer, the Conservative MP David Heathcote-Amory, said the hill was "deeply flawed".

Nevertheless, they all ac-

gument that a mortgage is "one deal with wrongdoing but in a way which does not interfere of the most significant floweried transactions that most people with individual rights."

make" and that leaving out The Treasury yesterday gave responsibility for policing it was a cautious welcome to the recommendations, saying they rea glaring anomaly. They were also critical of the quired further study. It will find Government's failure to address it difficult to reject the recomthe human rights' implications mendations from the commitand gave the Government one tee, which it set up to answer month to table a response on charges that the bill, pledged to how the bill can be made combe on the statute book next year, has been rushed with inpatible with the European Consufficient consultation. vention on Human Rights.

Mr Davies welcomed the re-Lord Burns, the former permanent secretary to the port. Although there are con-Treasury who chaired the comcarn about the practicality of mittee, said: "The FSA will besome the recommendations, there was nothing that "would come one of the most powerful financial regulators in the world cause anyone here's brow to furin terms of scope, powers and discretion. The challenge is to row," a senior FSA official said. Outlook, above

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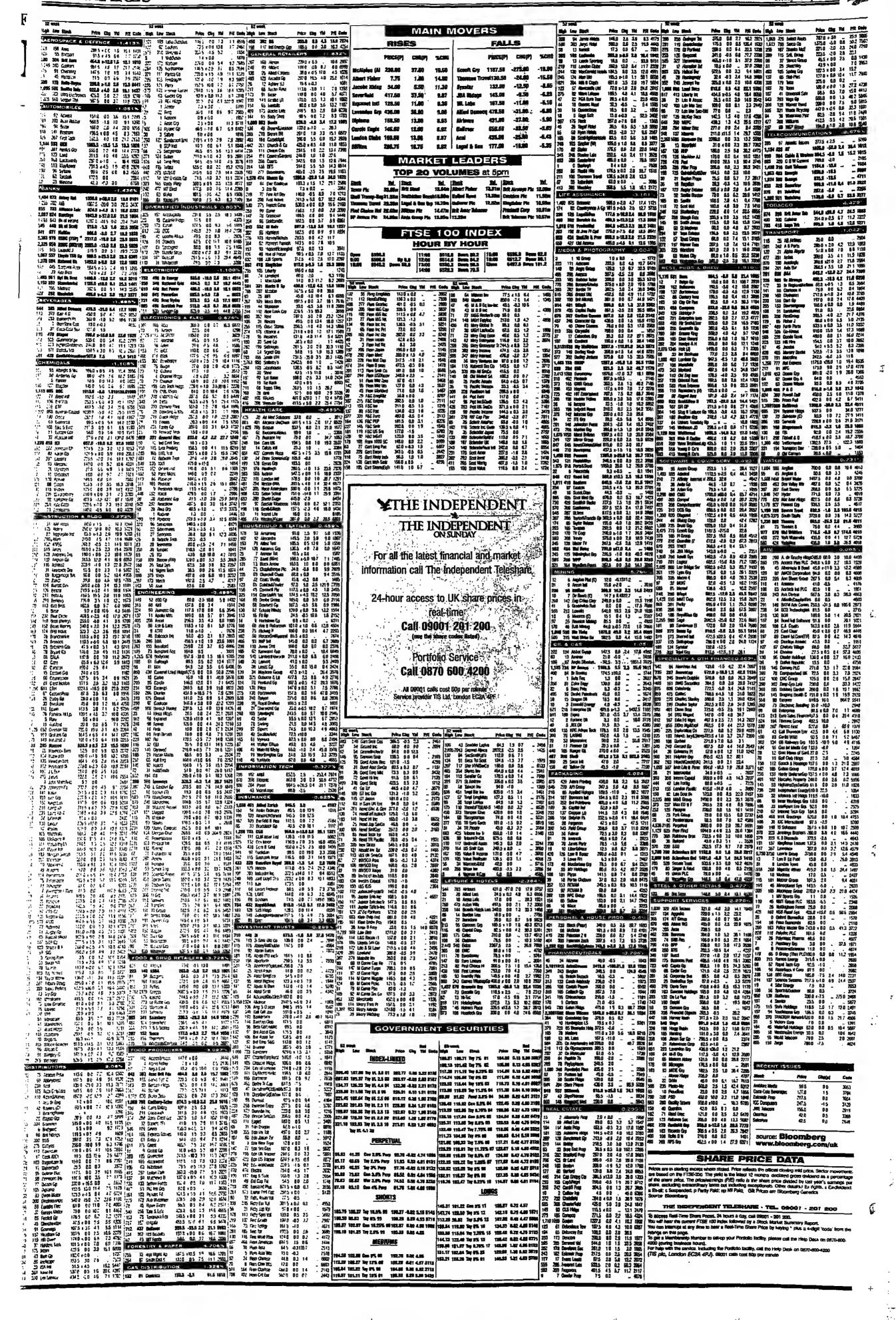
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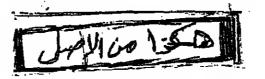
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Unilever

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BY MICHAEL HARRISON

UNILEVER SHARES continued

their downward drift vester-

day as the Anglo-Dutch food and

consumer products group re-

ported a decline in profits and

months of 1999 were down by 1

per cent because of difficult

economic conditions in Euro-

pean and Latin American

markets while pre-tax profits fell

559.5p, continuing their down-

ward run. Since Unilever an-

nounced in February that it

was returning £5bn to share-

holders through a special divi-

dend the shares have lost 10 per

Despite the setbacks in cen-

tral and eastern Europe and

Latin America - due respec-

tively to the Russian economic

cent of their value.

The shares fell 5 per cent to

by 4 per cent to £666m.

Sales in the first three

sales for the first quarter.

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Business Editor

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Fading bid talk puts Sainsbury's on cut-price shelf

SAINSBURY'S LED a retailers' retreat yesterday as renewed talk of a sale of the family stake and fading hid speculation combined to put the chares on the cut price shelf.

The supermarket where good food costs less" was one of the biggest casualties in a loss-making FTSE 100, checking out a 20,25p loss to 380.5p. The whisper is that the founding dynasty is planning to

reduce its near 40 per cent holding in the group. The idea that a sizeable chunk of Sainsbury's shares could be dumped on the market in the near future unnerved dealers. Some pointed out that a sudden surge in the quantity of stock available would almost

certainly depress the price. Cooler heads, however, noted that the Sainsburys' stake is held in several separate trusts and would probably be sold in different stages, reducing the risk of a stock flood.

Sainsbury's misery was compounded by news that the US giant Wal-Mart is reluctant

THE BID battle for CALA could descend into open warfare in the next few weeks. The Scottish bousebuilder and property developer bas received a £82m, 175p-per-sbare, offer from the privately-owned rival Miller, However, a management buyout team is rumnured to be considering a counterbid north of 190p, which could force Miller to go well above 200p to win the day. The shares were unchanged at 182.5p yesterday.

to bid for a UK rival. The cold feet of the Yankee retail powerbouse caused a slump in many of its potential targets. The hot tip Asda gave up 5p to 203p as the merger with Kinglisher, 9.5p off at 912p, moved a step closer. The second favourite Safeway dropped 5.75p to 253p, while Tesco lost 9.25p to 177.5p. Its rumoured partner Marks & Spencer shed 19.25p to 430p. A "neutral" recommendation from house broker Merrill Lynch and a 325p price target from WestLB Panmure did not help. Booker, another alleged Wal-Mart ob-

jective, fell 2.5p to 73p. The FTSE 100 was hit by a bout of profit-taking as investors locked in gains after the recent record-breaking run. The blue-chip index shrugged off the Dow's strength and plummeted 101.2 points to

By comparison, the second liners had a triumphant session, with the FTSE 250 closing 2.9 at 5,816.6 and the Small Cap rising 9.4 to 2,557.7.

The theme of the day was the switch from growth stocks into cyclical stocks. The rotation left pharmaceuticals, a tradi-



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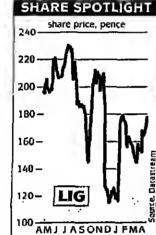
tional growth sector, looking

Glaxo Wellcome bled 85p to 1.843p as investors followed their US peers and abandoned the drugmakers. Glaxo was also affected by vague rumours that today's mega-presentation to analysts will produce a bearish view of some Aids

AstraZeneca, down 100p to 2,410p, and SmithKline Beecham, 25p lower at 815.5p, completed the pharma rout.

Cyclicals sucb as mining and oil stocks benefilted from the drug-peddlers' misery. Billiton shot to the top of the FTSE 100 risers' chart with a 16.75p advance to 206.75p, while Rin Tinto dug up a 49p rise to a 12-month peak of 1,075p.

BG was another cyclical in demand, rising 9p to 355.75p, Fellow utility Powergen lost 9.5p to 695.5p ahead of today's deadline for the sale of two big power stations. The buyer is



likely to be a US energy giant. Arch rival National Power fell 10.25p to 486.5p. It remains a tasty bid target after the departure of its chief executive.

Shell flared 7p higher to 461.25p thanks to the better oil price and on-going talk of a merger with Elf. while BP Amoco rose 9.5p to 1,169.5p in sympathy.

The publisher Reed rose 19.5p to 562p, on renewed whispers of a strike by Dutch rival Wolvert Kluivert. United News & Media soared 47p to 720p after the £920m purchase of 8

US hi-tech publisher. BAT puffed 39p higher to 544p as brokers shrugged off declining profits and looked ahead to a positive 1999.

The demerger candidate Allied Domecq was the worstperforming blue-chip, shedding 31p to 478.5p. Analysts described interim results as "dis-

Unilever slipped 33.5p to 559.5p on worries over the 1999 outlook.

Bids were the talk of the town among the undercards. The condom-maker London International Group (LIG) rose 80 to 178.50 on talk that the healthcare group Seton Scholl, 14p lower at 751p, or the Australian giant Pacific Dunlop. could mount a 225p-per-share

FI, the computer services group, notched a 15p rise to 327.5p amid vague talk of in-terest from EDS, the US behe-

The oil explorer British Bon nco rose 10p to 174.5p. A big find or a bid should be near. Airtours travelled 27p lower to 431p after the much expected 229p-per-share for First

Choice, up 7.5p to 200.5p. The

derailment of First Choice's

BELL GROUP, a maker nf electronic security systems, yesterday moved a step closer to entering the uncharmed circle of small cap companies with plans for a £62.7m float.

The group placed more than 21m shares at 120p each and is expected to start dealing on Thursday. Bell, which last year posted a £3.8m profit nn turnover of £34.1m, designs security and fire protection systems for several blue-

merger with its Swiss peer Kuoni could spark a costly counterbid or a price war from market leader Thomson, down 24p to 130.5p.

chip companies.

Travis Perkins built a 46p advance to a five-year high of 652.5p after buying the rival builders' merchant Keyline. The builder Linden soared

permission for a retail and bousing development in

Rival Alfred McAlpine rejected a 215.2p per share offer and rose 37.5p to 230p. The bidder, believed to be a financial group or a US company, is expected to come back with an increased offer.

A de Gruchy, "the Harrods of Jersey", rose 60p to 285p on news that the perfume retailer Merchant could buy the 72 per cent it does not already own for 300p per share in cash.

Albermarie & Bond, the pawnbroker, exchanged a profits warning with a 11p fall

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COMPANY RESULTS

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WH Smith optimistic despite profits fall

WH SMITH yesterday reported BY NIGEL COPE a fall in first half profits hut cushioned the blow with upbeat comments about prospects for the core high street brand and its fledgling Internet service. However, the results were

overshadowed by the announcement that Open, the interactive digital television service, has signed up six new content providers including Smith's, which will start selling books via the new medium in September. Smith's will later expand its product offering on

> ious "educational products". Smiths has been selling books and CDs through its own site on the Internet for some time and this week launched WH Smith Online, a new free Internet service provider to rival Dixons' Freeserve.

This so-called "Internet fac-

digital television to include var-

tor" has put a rocket under the company's shares, which have soared by 50 per cent since the start of the year, All this has made valuing Smith's difficult. SG Securities reckons the online business could be worth around £200m, or 80p per share of the current share price, down 25p at 731.5p yesterday. The company could huild up

by 6 per cent to 478.5p yesterday

when the drinks and pubs group

confirmed the City's worst fears

about poor performance in the

The Beefeater gin-to-Firkin-

months to 28 February, largely

because of much lower profits

at its estate of managed pubs.

the Mr Q, Big Steak and Wacky

Warehouse brands, sank by

Profits at the pubs, including

second half of last year,

SHARES IN Allied Domecq fell By ANDREW VERITY

pubs company saw profits fall by the City with a profits warning

9 per cent to £292m in the six on drinks sales over Christmas,

£10m to £70m - the first profits executive, beld opeo that pos-

Internet learning curve it is also making gradual progress with its core business. Although group profits fell from £128m to £105m in the half year, trading profits at the core Smith's high street husiness improved by 10

percentage point and book sales increased by 5 per cent. This is the first time in around

low and the integration of the John Menzies stores has been

fall at the group's retail division.

Executives biamed the cost of

Sky TV showings, the minimum

wage and beer supply prices.

causing shares to fall by 10 per

cent. Since then the board has

been under pressure to take de-

cisive action such as a de-merg-

Yesterday Tony Hales, chief

er of its spirits division.

Last year the group sbocked

Associate City Editor

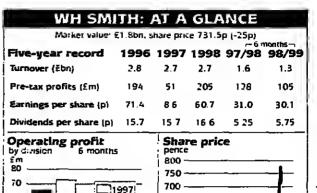
a year, from product sales and banner advertising on the sites.

pushing the value still higher. The unknown in all this is how much cannibalisation there will be from the online sales on Smith's stores. Books and CDs are among the most popular items bought on the Internet although Smith's may find it can target a new, younger audience via its interactive media while still catering for its more traditional customer base through its stores.

While Smith's surfs the per cent to £73m. Margins edged up by one

20 years that the group has increased market share in this The average spend is still 100

Profits fall depresses Allied Domecq



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sibility. But executives indicat- sale of its Cantrell & Cochrane

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stabilise the news distribution business where profits were hit last year due to the loss of a big contract, Looking forward there is till lots of room for improvement in both margins

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and average customer spend. Culturally Smith's may seem an odd company to be adopting

ed it was unlikely in the near fu-

ture. For now the strategy is to

focus on promoting four key

drinks brands - Ballantine's,

Kahlua, Beefeater and Sauza.

decided not to increase its cap-

ital investment in the pubs be-

cause returns were too low.

The whole pub industry spent

£1bn investing in pubs last year,

twice as much as four years ago,

been shored up by the January

A weak financial position has

but demand was flat.

Mr Hales said the group had

important for the group to strategy but it is right to be swimming with the sharks given how vulnerable its core husiness could be to Internet

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slower than expected. It is also such a pro-active Internet that does not look expensive.

collapse and disappointing icecream sales in Brazil - Unilever said that South-east Asia was beginning to show signs of recovery. Sales in Asia and the Pa-On SG Securities full-year cific were up 5 per cent, driven by strong performances in India

forecast of £135m the shares trade on a forward multiple of 19. Given the stratospheric rating of Dixons at the moment

division for £519m. Executives

have also started changes to the

Firkin pubs - ditching terms like

"Firkin Ladies" in favour of im-

of £580m for the full year, or earn-

ings per share of 40p, leaving Al-

forward multiple of 12 times.

yesterday's price, and a possi-

ble break-up value of 585p, now

proving the food.

is the time to buy.

Analysts were surprised by a fall in sales in North America -Unilever's second biggest market after Europe. The company hlamed the 3 per cent decline in sales on lower food sales and a mixed performance in home and personal care products.

Unilever said the dip in sales needed to be seen in the context of a very strong first quarter in 1998 and that it expected to reestablish sales growth in the remainder of the year.

Nick Popham of Teather & Analysts gave Unilever the Greenwood forecasts earnings benefit of the doubt, saving there was no need to change full-year forecasts at this stage. lied Domecq on a modest Rabobank is forecasting 1999 With a lot of bad news built in to profits of £2.9bn on sales of £28bn, putting the shares on a multiple of 21.5 times prospective earnings.

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cent of Ragdoll, which made

pre-tax profits of £9 million last

year on sales of £20m. Her hus-

band Barrie owns 25 per cent

and family trusts own a similar

amount, with the balance beld

by a charity. It looks like it'll stay

Ms Wood still owns 35 per

It was only when she was

Family matter

for SocGen 14p to 246.5p after confirming | ANY OF you rosbifs who asde Paris's hostile bid for its two banking rivals Société Générale and Paribas represented a victory for Anglo Saxon business

attitudes in France, dream on. As with Joan of Arc and General de Gaulle, France has discovered its saviour in its hour of need: Yves Tuloup, bead of global equities at Soc-Gen, has formed "Action

Against The Raid Of BNP". The purely voluntary staff association has already attracted over 5,000 SocGen employees, mostly in France, Mr Tuloup says proudly.

They have all contributed a minimum of FFr250 (£25) to a fighting fund "which will be used to communicate to the bank's shareholders how opposed we are to BNP's bid", he says.

Then he really gets into his stride: "It is perhaps surprising to the Anglo Saxon world that staff could feel so strongly a feeling of belonging to a bank.

of family, of culture." He insists that none of them feels superior to the people who run BNP - "That would be arrogant and stupid. However. we have already restructured our business for the arrival of the euro, and we don't want our efforts diluted.

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Source: Bloomberg

If 1 were BNP. I'd give up today.

PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

By JOHN WILLCOCK



TRAINSPOTTERS (from left) Nick Lord, Stuart Young and Simon Samuels have launched a research publication on behalf of Salomon Smith Barney. S&M Monthly. The Salomons

Shell change

ROYAL DUTCH/SHELL seems to have relaxed the bightening grip it was recently exerting on its operations around the world with a key job change yesterday. analysts went to Victoria Rail way Station in London (their nffices are over the station) to launch their "Trainspotter's Guide to the Savings & Mortgage markets."

Steve Miller, currently a group managing director, is succeeding Mark Moody-Stuart as chairman of the Shell Oil board of directors. Mr Miller, an American, is also succeeding Jack E Little as

chief executive officer of Shell

Oil Company, the group's US been the most reluctant entre-At Shell's last results an-

nouncement Mr Moody-Stuart promised he would leave the sacked as head of children's company if the group's disap- television on TVam that she rereversed.

However, the oil giant insisted yesterday that Mr Miller's appointment was not a judgement on Mr Moody Stuart, who is based in Europe, merely a recognition that the massive US market needs its own high-powered boss on the spot. Mr Miller, 53, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and joined Shell Oil in 1966 in Houston - where be is now returning with his new title.

can forget it. Though she has

won worldwide success with

Teletubbies and a number of

other children's programmes,

Ms Wood insists the company

a candidate for flotation.

she founded 14 years ago is not

London yesterday, Ms Wood

said: "I don't really want to feel responsibility to shareholders -

only responsibility to children."

lucky to have Ms Wood as a win-

ner at all. She says: "I must have

In fact, Veuve Clicquot are

Speaking in the Art Deco splendour of Claridges Hotel in

Favourite wins

that way.

RICHARD BRANSON got a Not for floating bloody nose yestercay as the Advertising Standards Author-ANY CORPORATE finance bods ity rejected a bid by his airline who might have run their slide Virgin Atlantic to prevent rules over Ragdoll Productions, British Airways from using the the private TV production comphrase "the World's Favourite pany run by the Business Airline" in its advertising. Woman of the Year, Anne Wood,

This is the fourth time the ASA has rejected a move to prevent the use of the phrase since 1991. It was first coined in 1983.

Plastic man

AND FINALLY, John Redwood will address the British Plastics Federation at its annual general meeting in London next Wednesday. There's a joke in there somewhere.

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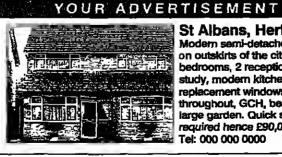
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How great could Senna have been?

THE TIME is one minute before two o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, 2 May 1999. The 22 cars of the Formula One circus are assembled on the grid at Imola for the San Marino Grand Prix, the third race of the season. In pole position sits the McLaren-Mercedes of Michael Schumacher, the defending world champion, already a winner in Australia and Brazil this year. Next to him is Ayrton Senna, the six-time world champion, in a Ferrari, so far without a point to his name. With seconds to go, their engines scream.

Schumacher is looking straight ahead, thinking about getting himself into position for the long lefthand curve known as Tamburello. "the little drum", which follows the contour of the concrete wall bordering the slow green sweep of the Santerno river. He will be sweeping through it at something over 190 mph, barely lifting his foot from the throttle as the car judders over the notorious ripples in the asphalt at the apex of the corner.

Senna is thinking about Schu-macher, and about how the McLaren seems to behave as though a computer were co-ordinating its control systems. For an instant his thoughts go back five years, to another May weekend at the same circuit, when Schumacher was also in a car - a Benetton, that time - displaying an uncanny degree of responsiveness, and one which was to take the German driver to the first of his two world titles, despite Senna's herculean efforts in an out-

But, as he glances at the figures flickering on the digital read-out set into the Ferrari's steering wheel, a more sombre thought overtakes the urgencies of the moment. The 39-year-old Senna is thinking about Ricardo Zonta, his young compatriot, who suffered serious head injuries Interlagos when his BAR folded up around him in a 100mph impact with a steel barrier. It's time, Senna is thinking, to get the governing body to do something about improving cockpit safety for the drivers.

The red lights go on - one, two, three, four, five - and then disappear. In a cloud of dust the cars dash down the straight, accelerating past the grandstands, through the funnel of trees, heading towards the long left-handed curve...

NO. no. That's not the way it is. Because this Sunday it will, of course, be five years since Ayrton Senna, trying to keep his Williams ahead of Michael Schumacher's Benetton, lost control for some still-unexplained reason on the ripples of Tamburello and crashed into the concrete wall bordering the Santerno, suffering fatal head injuries when a suspension arm snapped and bent back, piercing his helmet.

Those five years have been filled with tributes to a man whose global reach became evident only after his death. Some memorials were ephemeral in nature, like the drivers' silent vigil on the grid at Monaco two weeks later, or their parade around Interlagos, his home track, the next year, each of them waving a small Brazilian flag as he used to do on his laps of honour. Or the countless posies and poems and other keepsakes left at the places of his death and of his hurial, an ocean and thousands of miles apart. Or even the judicial inquiry, which lasted the late Ayrton Senna



RICHARD WILLIAMS

three years and yet drew no con-

Some were more lasting. A handsome hronze statue of a pensive Senna stands on the infield at Tamburello, where the old sweeping bend has been completely reprofiled, turning it into a left-right-left chicane devoid of character. At Estoril, on e mound above the big 180-degree bend which launches the cars into the pits straight, there is an elegant monument bearing some words of Senna's on the subject of mortality: "Avrton once said concerning death: 'The day it comes, it comes. It could and Senna... and that way lies an be today ... or not for fifty years. The only certainty is that it will come'." And, as if in proof, there is a small bronze plaque set into the lawn of a cemetery high on a suburban hill above São Paulo,

And there are less tangible but even more significant consequences of that dreadful day. The activities of the Ayrton Senna Foundation, raising money through the sale of artefacts hearing his likeness or signature, from baseball caps and fountain pens to mountain bikes and speedboats, have helped educate and encourage many Brazilian children born into otherwise hopeless poverty. And, within his own profession, the most lasting memorial - beyond the imperishable statistics recording his victories - lies in the changes to the technical regulations which forced Formula One's circuit owners and car designers to protect the drivers more effectively. The provisions undertaken as a consequence of his death range from better barricades and run-off areas to higher cockpit surrounds using impact-absorbing materials (which may indeed have saved Ricardo Zonta's life at Interlagos three weekends ago; and better ideas about mounting data-collecting black boxes to avoid destruction in accidents, which is what happened with



But he is also memorialised, with a so-far undiminished clarity every time someone looks wistfully at the present generation of grand prix cars and drivers, at the cars he might have driven and the drivers who might have challenged him, and wonders, "What if.." This is motor racing's most pop-

ular spectator game. Even the insiders play it all the time. All sports encourage it, to some extent. How would Laver have got on against McEnroe or Sampras? How many of this year's Manchester United squad would have made it into the 1968 side? Would Warne's flipper have bamboozled Hobbs? In Formula One, the rapid advance of technology adds another layer of uncertainty to the debate - but it's hard to believe that Fangio, say, would have been given problems if faced with a semi-automatic gearshift great fat sticky tyres, and the black art of generating downforce. He would still have been Fangio and still surely, a length ahead of the rest except, perhaps, Ascari, whose career overlapped with his, and Clark. evening's argument.

Had Senna not died in a freak accident on 1 May 1994, he might well have exceeded Fangio's record of five world championships by now. He died trying to keep ahead of Schumacher's Benetton, which he suspected of using banned electronic aids. He had joined the Williams team at the beginning of the year, after watching ghimly from the seat of his waning McLaren as their absolute dominance presented the title first to Nigel Mansell and then to Alain Prost in consecutive seasons. When he finally took a seat in the Williams at the start of the 1994 season, he was at the height of his powers and had been firmly expecting to step into the best machine on the grid.

To his consternation, it didn't work out that way. The Williams design team had been caught on the hop by the banning of electronic driver aids, and their new car was proving awkward for Senna and his number two, Damon Hill. At São Paulo, Senna had spun into retirement while trying to meet the challenge of Schumacher - who, at 25, was nine years his junior and clearly the pick of the next generation. In the second race, at the Aida circuit in Japan, he had been eliminated in a shunt at the first corner, and Schumacher won again.

The makings of a classic season were being laid out. A veteran virtuoso in a car that needed all his experience versus a fearless young charger in a machine of widely questioned legality. It may seem a small forfeit next to a man's life, hut the incident at the beginning of the seventh lap of the San Marino Grand Prix cost us a battle that would

been sufficiently encouraged by his team's progress to have remained with Williams to enjoy the fruits of their labours over the next three seasons, meaning that he would surely have picked up three more titles. Damon Hill, who took over the leadership of the Williams team, failed to THIS is nonsense, of course. He died,



The Imola monument to the Brazilian Ayrton Senna, who was killed during the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994

1996, while Jacques Villeneuve won the 1997 title in what would have been Senna's car. By 1998, one imagines that Schumacher, in his desperation to challenge Senna, would have found his way not to the struggling Ferrari team but to McLaren, where Ron Dennis would have broken the surely have developed into an epic. bank to sign the only man capable Schumacher might still have of mounting a real challenge to his taken the title that season, one way former champion. And Schumachor another. But although Senna was er's move would have coincided deeply upset by Roland Ratzen- both with McLaren's ascendancy berger's death and Rubens Bar- and Williams's decline, which might richello's serious accident during have handed the German a second practice at Imola, he would have title and sent Senna off to Ferrari, where a huge Mariboro retainer would have encouraged him to fulfil a fantasy, once confided to Adriane Galisteu, his last girlfriend, of finishing his career in one of the red

deny Schumacher the championship and that's it. Nothing can devalue the

in 1995 only through his own frailties, before going on to win it himself in most recently. Mika Hakkinen – al- and Formula Ford, where techniques though there will always be a faint question mark hanging over the way Schumacher got his name up

alongside theirs. No question about his inherent talent, though, Formed, like Senna, by kart racing, his driving style had similar features - notably an unorthodox willingness to play with the throttle while in the middle of a corner in a constant search for the limit of adhesion. But Schumacher also borrowed elements of Senna's competitive personality, principally his dedication to hard work, which hrought him the adoration of his mechanics, and his utter ruthlessness on the track, which is the ex-. pression of a self-belief so extreme that it borders on a psychopathic

There had been hard racers before Senna, but it was be who turned Formula One into a contact sport, by bringing to it the sort of bullying tac-

drivers share a belief in their own immortality. Senna was the first to see the benefits it could bring to the first man to try it at the top level, and victims. He sincerely believed that they had no right to be in front of him, so he acted as though they and their cars didn't exist.

His charisma - a combination of

good looks and a curiously spiritual

air - helped him get away with it more often than not. Schumacher, who commands none of the Brazilian's off-track graces, has been less lucky. Blatant obstruction worked for him when he punted Hill off in the last race of 1994, but a similar attack on Villeneuve three years later was not only unsuccessful but did lasting damage to his reputation. It would have been interesting, to say the least, to witness a few more years of battle between a mellowing Senna and a hungry Schumacher.

But you could say something similar about Ascari v Fangio, or Fangio v Moss, or Moss v Clark, or Clark v Stewart, or Stewart v Landa, and so on. That's the way motor racing goes. Had Senna not Mansell and Prost were among his become the first man to die during a grand prix in 12 years, there is a good chance that he might have carried on until the end of the decade, when he would have been approaching his 40th birthday. Whatever we might have been saying about him then, even had he beaten Fangio's record, the feelings would be unlikely to match the awe and admiration with which a shockingly premature death endowed him. and with which he will be remembered at Imola and elsewhere this

> A revised and updated version of The Death Of Ayrton Senna by Richard Williams is published this week by Bloomsbury (paperback,

Irvine knows realism is not Ferrari fans' forte

SPRINGTIME IN Emilia Romagna; BY DERICK ALLSOP a time for gentle sunshine and celehration of Ferrari's rejuvenation. Except that the skies were grey bere yesterday and so was the Prancing Horse. mood of the world championship

Eddie Irvine goes into Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix at the head of the fitle standings yet professing himself "disheartened" by the performance of his Ferrari. The Ulsterman is not renowned for reverence yet this is a sentiment which may prove particularly distressing in these parts, the Ferrari

and ring the bells at the shrine of the

However, Irvine merely confronts the reality of this early season. He may be two points ahead of the world champion, Mika Hakkinen, courtesy of a maiden Formula One win in Australia and two points in Brazil, but his car remains no match for the performance of the level playing field.

McLaren-Mercedes. Reliability problems forced Finland's Hakkinen and his teamtance at Interlagos. The McLarens were distinctly quicker at both renues and recent testing has done little to suggest a dramatic change.

Although Irvine is contracted stance. as No 2 to Michael Schumacher at Ferrari and accepts he must even- was to be able to fight McLaren and tually support the German's cause, he hoped he would be able to chal- that at the moment and it hacks me lenge McLaren on a more-or-less

The opening round of the European tour is generally acknowledged as the start of the season three guys have problems I could

to a predatory role here, hovering to pick up the oieces should the McLarens and Schumacher again become the victims of circum-

"The reason I stayed at Ferrari we're not doing that. We can't do off. It's very disheartening. We have to find how to be quicker and close the gap. I want to leave here leading the championship and if the first

race in Melbourne, while the Scots-man also failed to complete the dis-camp. But he admits he is resigned have finished on the podium here optimism." for the last two years.

"McLaren are getting more reliable but are still not 100 per cent. If the percentage goes against them then there is a chance for us. I think we can get closer because their car is on the limit in many places and we can still improve. But to be honest, it's going to be tough to close the gap."

Hakkinen put Ferrari's task into perspective when be said: "I'm optimistic about the race and the championship. I have good reaheartland. It is usual to bow the knee mate, David Coulthard, out of the proper so Irvine seeks evidence of even have another win. I'm hoping sons for being optimistic while I can

Irvine knows the majority of the crowd here will be exhorting Ferrari, but especially Schumacher. He fears disappointment all round. He said: "I love the atmosphere here, with all the Ferrari fans, but if we are spanked by McLaren we're not going to be very popular. Michael is the man Ferrari want to win, and if he can't then they'll take me. It's not ideal for Ferrari if Michael has a problem but that always lets me step in I'm never going to be sad

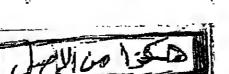
about winning. "If I leave here still leading the championship I'll certainly feel I've achieved something. Realistically, I just hope for a good result this

This is also home for Alessandro Zanardi. The man from Bologna. who returned to Formula One after twice winning the American Cart Series, has still to register a finish with Williams. Here would be as good a place as any for a change of fortune. "I'm confident my bad luck won't last forever," he said. "I'm hungry for a good race, I'm not happy with my results so far, and I know everybody in the team is working hard."









Salford hope to lure back Langer [2] PILOT

his announcement that he was finished with the game.

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The Brisbane and Australia scrum-half announced his retirement on Tuesday because he felt that his form had slipped but Salford, without a win in Super League this season, hope that they can rekindle his enthusiasm.

The Salford coach, Andy Gregory, is a long-standing friend and admirer of Langer

and believes that he could be the man to lift his struggling side. A representative of the club is making attempts to con-

tact the player in Queensland. The London Broncos tried to sign Langer at the start of this season, before he extended his contract with Brisbane, but have decied that they might revive their interest "If he is saying that he has

ing to dissuade him," their chief executive, Tony Rea, said. "We are very happy with our sit-uation in the half-backs."

London's current scrum-half and captain, Shaun Edwards. has come through two training sessions after insisting that he is fit to play in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final tomorrow, despite having a broken thumb. "Shaun trained in a cast and looked sensational," the Broocos' coach, Dan Stains, said,

through the match.

"My doubts were never about that," he said. "It was a question of whether there would be any long-term damage.

Ticket sales for the final have topped the 70,000 mark, raising hopes of a 77,000 sell-out but definitely improving oo last year's relatively meagre 60,000 to see Sheffield beat Wigan. London have sold 13,500 of their 15,000 allocation, Rea said. Each of the 23 clubs to bave

played in the Dewsbury team beaten 13-2 by Wigan that day. Other great names from past finals include David Topliss and Ian Brooke from Wakefield

at the stadium in 1929.

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tatives in a parade to mark the Huddersfield in 1953, and last final before Wembley is de-Trevor Foster, who played for Bradford Northern in 1949. Bradford's Odsal Stadium molished, and the Dewsbury party will include a direct link

is to undergo a £80m redevelwith the Challenge Cup's debut opment to turn it into a small-Tom Coates, aged 11, is the er version of the Stadium of Light Bradford Council, which owns the ground, has given the green light to plans from Sterling Capitol, headed by the Sunderland chairman, Bill Murray, to create a 30,000, allseater stadium on the site. Trinity, Roger Millward of Hull

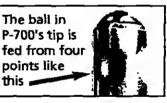




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Mad, bad boy has his day

Barrie McDermott used to have big discipline problems. Now he is a Leeds disciple. By Dave Hadfield

"I DIDN'T see any good qualities in him in the early days. All he was doing was getting sent off and giving away penalties." You might say Barrie McDermott did not get off on the right

foot with Graham Murray. There would have been no shortage of people eager to tell the new Leeds coach at the start of last season that, in Mc-Dermott, he bad inherited trouble; a prop who was mad, bad and dangerous to know, both on and off the pitch.

In Murray's first game in charge, the Challenge Cup tie against Castleford, McDermott confirmed all the worst suspicions with a performance of such monumental indiscipline his boss came close to publicly disowning him.

And that was it for 1998. Pushed to the fringe of the first team and then beyond the fringe, he started just four more games and was not even in the squad for the Super League

Grand Final at Old Trafford. Topic a har if I said that I season about what the future held for me," be says. "Last year was really disappointing. The season before. I was putting some decent form together, but I broke my leg and took 12 months to recover.

"When I came back, I didn't

do myself any favours. But I've got a family and a wife who knows me well and she said if I walked away I'd regret it for the rest of my life."

So McDermott put in a ferocious close season, even changing the date of his honeymoon to give himself a clear run at it. Murray was so impressed that, having kept an open mind, he promoted him to the starting side.

Happily ever after? Not quite; after 20 minutes of the sort of rugby he is capable of playing in the Cup tie against Wigan, McDermott was standing over a prostrate Simon Haughton and the referee was pointing him in the direction of the dressing-rooms.

"Russell Smith had no choice," he says of that high tackle. "He made the correct decision, but I was a little bit disappointed in the player. Simon Haughton came to my stag. night and he's not a bad guy, but I was disappointed in him."

Murray could have been expected to be fairly disappointed as well, but this time he kept faith with his errant frontrower: "Graham was good and I got a fair hearing at Red Hall League HQI for one of the few times in my career."

More to the point, McDermott, having served his time,



has repaid the faith. Straight "The early part of my career back into the team after his suspension, his headlong attack oo the opening stages of every game is one of the things that defines Leeds' style.

"I'm a hig believer in the importance of the first 20 or 25 minutes. It's collision time, the time when you get all the big hits and I want to be there for it. Sometimes I don't like coming off the field after that, but they'd have to change the game before you could play 80 minutes that way."

With his approach to the game, McDermott remains an object lesson in the importance of aggression and the equal importance of controlling and channelling it. His reputation for boiling over began early.

I spent making a name for myself, a bad one, and I paid heavily for it. I don't have to bite so much now; I just bark As a youngster, I didn't know anyone I was playing against. Now I know them all Rugby league is a very small world and I've had a beer or a night out with most of them. I've not too many enemies in the game. Besides, what goes around comes around. If you go stamping on legs and which he gives a lot back by head-butting, the next chance

they get they'll do it to you." One excuse for his excesses that is sometimes advanced on be has had his mad moments having none of that. "I've oever try to have CS spray used on

used it as an excuse, never said 'Poor me.' I take responsibility for what I've done. People say to me I'm a very different person from the way I seem on the pitch. I learnt a lot about that when I was at Wigan with Kelvin Skerrett. He looks an absolute maniac on the pitch, but he's the nicest bloke you could meet - just a shy bloke."

McDermott is genuinely well-liked within a game to coaching an amateur side in his native Oldham three nights a week. He admits, though, that his behalf is that he only has one away from the sport as well, eye, the other having been lost most imfamously when he bein a boybood accident, but he is came the first man in the coun-

him by the police. "When you get married and have children. you don't find yourself in those situations. As a single man, I liked to socialise. The biggest change in my life was having my son, Billy, nearly three years ago. I'm so proud for him to be part of my big day. With a bit of luck, be'll remember that he was there to see his dad walk out at Wembley."

And with a bit of luck too, Billy will see his dad walk the right side of that thin line that separates aggression from indiscipline. If he can do that, the commotion and controversy that have characterised Barrie McDermott's rugby league career might at last have resolved themselves.

Lanner storms into lead

FOUR DAYS after Jesper Parnevik and Jarmo Sandelin won on both sides of the At- BY MARK GARROD lantic, Swedish golfers were in in Turin form again yesterday.

Mats Lanner scored a 10under-par 62 to take the firstround lead in the Fiat and Fila Italian Open, while his compatriot Per Nyman lies joint second with England's Gary Evans following a 65.

Lanner's round, which equalled the lowest on the European Tour this season, promised to be even better. He had an eagle at the first, turned in a seven-under 29 and then

had a hat-trick of birdies from the 12th - the last of them a 25foot putt. At 10 under with a par five to

come, the chance to become the first man ever to break 60 on the circuit - Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval have achieved the feat in America was there. That hope evaporated when the 38-year-old Swede made only a five on the 557-yard 15th and had a bogey at the 16th

Lanner, who after losing his tour card in 1996 grabbed it back in style last year by winning the Madeira Island Open, sank a 10-foot putt for bis ninth birdle at the 17th and was delighted with a round that was nine better than the Masters champion, Jose Maria Olazabal, and 10 better than the US Open champion, Lee Janzen.

Aside from the 25-foot effort he sank three 20-footers and an 18-footer to break the CircoloGolf course record by three. Joint fourth following 66s are Derrick Cooper and Russell Claydon.

THE 22-YEAR-OLD Ellen MacArthur yesterday announced a dream come true with the biggest-ever backing for a British single-handed vachtsman. Over £2m from Humphreys. the Kinglisher Group, who own B&Q and Woolworth, is being put into her bid to win

the Vendée Globe Race start-

ing in November 2000. The 55ft class winger in last year's Route du Rhum will have a new 60ft yacht built for the non-stop round the world event. Safety as well as speed a target launch date of Februwill be the priorities for a desigo team which will be

BY STUART ALEXANDER

SAILING

led by the Welshman Rob It includes Merfyn Owen as

project director and France's previous race winner, Alain Gauthier, along with the Italian technical materials expert Giovanni Belgrano. The build contract has been put out to tender with vards in France and New Zealand front runners to meet ary 2000.

Isabelle Authissier who has

MacArthur lands £2m deal twice been rescued from her upturned yacht in single-handed races, has called for new rules to increase safety levels in the sport.

In her Vendée build-up, MacArthur, the British yachtsman of the year, who comes from Whatstandwell, Derbyshire, will include small boat training with the Olympian Paul Brotherton in the Laser 4000 the Fastnet race with Yvan Bourgnoo on a 60ft trimaran. and partnering the Frenchman Yves Parlier in the Jacques Vabre two-handed transAtlantic race this November.

ATHLETICS Sweden's Olympic and world 100 metres hundles champion, Ludmila Engquist, 35, has revealed she has rgone breast cancer surgery but s determined to be fit for ne

Sydney Olympics. She is facing BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 9 Min-nesota 4; Chicago White Sox 10 Tampa Bay 7 (1st game): Chicago White Sox 9 Tampa Bay 1 (2nd game); Kansas City 8 Baldmore 2; Texas 8 New York Yan-kees 6; Anaheim 12 Toronto 10; Cleve-land 4 Oakland 1; Seattle 8 Detroit 6.

MATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 6 Florida 1; Los Angeles 3 Milwaukee 2: San Francisco 4 Montreal 3: Cindinati 12 Philadelphia B; New York Mess 4 San Diego 3; Atlanta 5 Pittsburgh 4; Artzona 10 Houston 6: Colorado 9 St Louis 7. BASKETBALL

MBA: Atlanta 76 New York 73: Detroit 101 New Jersey 93: Orlando 93 Wash-ington 86; Minnesota 97 Phoenix 92; Milwaukee 11S Toronto 102; Portland

BOXING

Lueshing. Brian Mitchell, the Namibian's trainer, has objected to British judges Dave Patris and Roy Francis officiating at the Crystal Palace fight. 'Harry's title is on the line. so it's crazy to have two English judges. It's totally unfair and we are not prepared to get in the ring.' Mitchell said.

CYCLING

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O Hondo (Ger); 3 G Gosmer (Aut); 4 M Manzoni (Iti): 5 G Missagha (Iti): 4 M Manzoni (Iti): 5 G Sissonia (Rus): 1 Nacoidelli (Iti)
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DAY'S LATE RESULTS

Harry Simon has threatened to pull natry aimon has threatened to pull out of tomorrow's World Boxing Or-ganisation world light-middleweight title defence against Britain's Kevin Lueshing. Brian Mitchell, the Namib-lan's Palmer, her chilested.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE SCORES: Second XI Champlonship [Second day of four]: The Oval: Esse, 24%; Surey 224 (MW Paterson 61, J E Benjamin 55. D J Thompson 7 for 71. CRICKET

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FOOTBALL Tomorrow's Bass Irish Cup final between Cliftonville and Portadown has been cancelled due to Cliftonville playing an ineligible player in a semi-final replay. Portadown have been

St Johnstone's Sandy Clark has been named Scottish Premier League manager of the month for April. Kevin Christie, the 23-year-old Motherwell full-back, has joined First Division Falkirk. Paul Gascoigne withdrew from Mid-

dlesbrough's reserve team match on Wednesday because of a recur-rence of the dead leg that has kept him out of his chb's last three matches. However, Ugo Ehiogu, the Aston Villa defender, successfully completed his reserve team game against Everton It was his first full game since fracturing his eye socket almost three months ago. et almost three trionits agos.
European football's governing body
fined both Bologna and Marseilles
yesterday for the brawi at the end
of their Uefa Cup semi-final second
leg match last week, Bologna have
also had three players suspended.

and Marseilles have had two play-

GOLF
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SPORTING DIGEST

ICE HOCKEY

Cardiff Devils' captain, Ivan Matulik, has pledged his future to the club by signing a new three-year contract NHL STANLEY CUP Play-offs: East ern Conference: Bosson & Carolina 1 (test-of-seven series kerd 7-2). Philade-phio 5 Toronto 2 (best-of-seven series lev-of 7-2). Western Conference: San Jose 4 Colorado 2 (Colorado leada best-of-sev-rances de la conference series series

RUGBY LEAGUE WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT NORTH-ERN FORD Premiership: Rochdale [14] 18. York [4) 10. Rochdale: Tries Cameron, Coaper, Fitzgerald Goals Fitzgerald 3 York: Tries Lambert Goals Benn 2, Precious, (743)

RUGBY UNION Graeme Bachop, the former New Zealand scrum-half, will play for Japan in next month's Pacific Rim se-

lived in Japan for more than three gears
Ben Tune, the Wallaby winger, has
been cleared to play for Queensland
in tomorrow's crucial Super-12
match against New South Wales.
Tune had been in some doubt for the match at the Sydney Foorball Sta-dium because of a chronic knee in-jury but said he is certain to play. NSW TEAM (Super-12 match a Owensland, tomorrow, Sydney): 0 McRae, M Dowling, I lones-Hughes, N Grey S Standorth, M Edmonds, C Whitali-er I Strauss, S Profetton, M Brail (capt), I Welborn, I Bowman, A Blades, P

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v NSW, tomorrow, Sydney): C. Lutham.
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N. Spounet, J. Raulum, T. Netv. M. Musray,
M. Cockbam, M. Connors, N. Sharpe, G.
Panulio, M. Foley, O. Crowley

***Through Market Book (175): Wolch MEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Welsh National League Promier Division Play-off Group A: Neath a3 Etber Vale 35, Postypridd 12 Laneth a2 Group B: Aretavon 16 Budyend 63, Newport 16 Leaphally 35 First Division: UWIC 29

SNOOKER EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield) Quarter-finals: 5 Hendry (Sco) bt M Stevens (Wal) 13-5; J Higgin (Sco) bt S Lee (Eng) 13-6. SPEEDWAY

EDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS; British ider-21 final: 1 5 Nicholis (Poole) 15; Richardson (Poole) 14; 3 0 Howe (Pe-tropoleth) 17

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONISHIPS (Litz, Aut) Third qualifying round: Ment-Pool At Scotland bt Finland 4-0 (Sco first: Pool At Scotland bt Finland 4-0 (Sco first: Poil to I Raumolin 9-3 3-9 9-3 9-0, M Heach bi J hyttanen 9-10 9-0 9-5 9-2, J White bt O Toumnen 9-5 1-9 9-5 9-2, N Frankland bt O Poutlainen 5-9 5-9 9-4 9-1 9-61. France draws with Switzerland 2-2 [France win 7-6 on games countbook). Pool C Netherlands 3-1 (Aus first: Okaristauser lost to 0 Rivan 4-9 4-9 4-9, G D: Austria bt Ireland 3-1 Aus first: C Wat-strauser lost to 0 Ryan 4-9 4-9 4-9, G Schiedbauer bt P Foster 9-5 9-4 9-0, O Huck-Sabitzer bt C Collins 9-3 2-9 2-9 9-3 9-4. L Caskia bt J Rooney 9-6 9-4 2-9 U-9 9-21, Pool E: Beighum dress with brally 2-2 | Beignom win 8-6 on games Countback). Crech Republic bt Bulgarta 4-0, Women: Pool A: England bt Beighum 3-4 (England first: C Lackman bt K Hannes 9-0 9-1, 5 Brind bt K Cauwels 9-7 9-7 9-3, T Bal-ley bt T Hannes 9-1 9-1 9-0, Scotland bt First: C Jackman bt K Hannes 9-0 9-0 9-1, 5 Brind bt K Cauwets 9-7 9-7 9-3, T Balley bt T Hannes 9-19-19-01, Sootland bt 5 wedles 3-0 (Sco first. P. Nimmo bt J Akerval 9-2 9-3 3-9 9-3, C Woddell bt C Olsson 9-0 9-0, S MacRe bt M Lundmark 9-7 9-3 9-0). Pool C: Switzzerland bt Rakes 2-2 (Swit first: A Multer fost to 7 Mathi 0-9 1-9 2-9. G Schmole bt K Hogan 9-5 9-4 4-9 10-8, O Hauser bt 5 Schmon 9-2 9-1 9-0, Pool D: Fredand bt Raby 3-0 (In first: A Biske bt A Sterchelle 10-8 9-5

TENNIS

Birmingham's National Indoor Are-na has been selected as the venue for Great Britam's Davis Cup World

for Great Britain's Davis Cup World Group play-off against South Africa. BAVARHAN MASTERS (Mealch) Men's singles, second rounds L Burgsmaller (Ger to O Gross (Ger) 6-1 6-3; M Zabaleta (Arg) bit R Detgado (Per) 6-2 6-54; F Squillar (Arg) bit I Hass (Ger) 6-2 6-7 6-1; M Kohlmann (Ger) bit W Ferreira (SA) 6-7 6-4 7-5

ATET CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT LAS

[US] 6-4 6-1. MARKEURG OPEN Women's singles, use-end round: A Sanchez-Vicario [50] bit M Antonia Sanchez-Lorenzo [50] bit M Antonia Sanchez-Lorenzo [50] 6-3 6-0; C. Matther: [50] bit A Gassa (Ger) 4-6 7-5 6-1; 8 Schett (Aut) bit N Suzziat [Fr) 3-6 6-4 6-0. WTA CROATIAN OPEN (Bol] Women's singles, third round: J Kostanc (Croa) bit I Majoli (Croa) 6-2 7-5; C formst-Valero [50] bit 5 Taljaj (Croa) 3-6 7-6 6-4; S Pilikons-ki (Fr) bit M Osz-Oliva [Arg] 6-2 6-0. CZECH OPEN (Prasyna) Mero's singles-It (Fr) bit M Diaz-Oliva [Avg) 6-2 6-0.

CZECH OPEN (Prague) Men's singles, second round: A D Pasquale [Fr) bit 72 bit (Cz. Rep) 6-4 6-1; E Nicolas [5p) bit M Hamschi, [6er] 6-1 6-0.5 Dosedel (Cz. Rep) bit F Vicente [5p) 7-6 6-4; G Puentes [5p) bit A life [Auss] 1-6 6-1 6-1.

LTA MEEN'S PUTTARES (Hatfield) Second round: N Massu [Orule bit I Heatherl [Fr) 6-0 5-4; B Ellwood (Aus) bit P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-4 6-1: R official [5p) bit 7 Schessing [Aut) 6-6 2-2. T Nurminen [Fil) bit J Crabb [Aus) 6-1 6-2: O Mutts [Fi] bit 5 Dickson [Cheshue] 6-2 6-2. J Lisanad (Fr) bit A Ferreira [Br] 6-3 6-4; S De Chausac (Fr) bit A Ferreira [Br] 2-6 7-6 7-5.

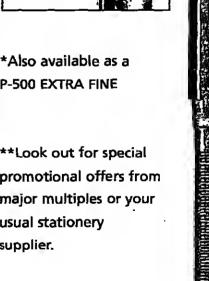
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stored NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION olton & Wolves (7 45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE Southern Division: Corby v Andover. Midland Divi-sion: Solihull Borough v Sutton Coldfield. SCREWITH DIRECT LEASUR Premier Division: Odd Down v Chippenham: Yeovil v Bishop Sutton (7.45). NTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND AL

OTHER SPORTS SNOCKER: Embassy World Champion-ship (at The Crumble Theatre, Shelfield).



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John M. South Africa 1; Greece 1 sunser-John 1. Under-21 Enropean Championship Chamiltens: Group Ture (Rign): Latvia D Abo-nia 0. (Thilling): Georgia O Norway 3. Group Six [Langesrein-1: Austria O Netherlands 1 Group Mine (Genk): Belgium 4 Bossia O. Centenary match: (Nou Camp. Barcalossa): Barcelorg 2 [Luis Enrique 34. Cou 63) Brail 2 (Ronaldo 29, Rivaldo 41). Major Langue Socotr; Kansas Gity Wizards O Columbia Crew 1. Nacionamide Confer-tation Forest Green O Dover 1: Kingstoman O Southport 2. Dr Martens Lesigne Premier Distalane: Salisbury 2 Gressey Rovers 2: Roth-well 1 Worcester 2. Middand Dhylalone Sol-nidi Boroligh 3 Weston-Super-Mare 0. weil 1 Worcester 2. Middanid Dheinions Sol-hidi Borongh 3 Weston-super-Mare 0. Southern Diesslor: Winny O'Nate 0. Ryman Longue First Diesslone Maidenhead O Canvey

Friday 30 April 1999

Mohammed aims to get a grip on Roses

THEY ARE hig on tradition at BY GREG WOOD Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May, when tens of thousands of race fans gather for the Kentucky Derby, the oldest continually-held sporting event in America. The crowd will sing "My Old Kentucky Home" as the horses go to post, and the winner will be garlanded with 500 roses, a practice which started in the 1890s. All the while, mint juleps ~ ice, mint syrup and two shots of bourbon - will slide down as fast as the bars can serve them.

But amid all the annual excitement tomorrow evening. three-year-old. The last horse to there will be a new arrival too. win the Kentucky Derby on his a man who has not been a seasonal debut was Regret, in great respecter of racing tra-ditions in recent years. When makes a habit of defying the people told Sheikh Mohammed that horses were not good trav- buck, even by his standards. ellers, or that taking them to Dubai for the winter and then sending them to the Guineas without a prep race could never work, he simply proved them wrong. Now, though, the fiveyear-old Godolphin operation faces its most demanding assignment, as it sends two lightly raced runners in against the American tough-nuts in the

125th Run for the Roses. Aljabr is the one that most juveniles in the country last sea- and a man who could pick the

the chance of Worldly Manner, who was the finest two-year-old in the States last year until his owners received one of those phone calls which have become familiar to many British owners, and duly accepted the offer they could oot refuse.

For all their obvious talent last season, though, the trackside pundits in the Bluegrass remain sceptical about the Godolphin challengers, principally because oeither has yet run – in public at least - as a odds, but this is a big trend to

When the draw was made for tomorrow night's post positions, Worldly Manner was placed in box 12, while Aljabr will leave number five, towards the outside. Locals believe that the draw is of little significance in the Derby, however, and a more important difference between Godolphin's runners could be the relative experience

of their riders. Worldly Manner will be rid-British punters will have heard 'den by Jerry Bailey, one of the allegations that Billy Patin, Valor, since he was one of the best world's most successful jockeys hol's jockey had used an "elecson. The Americans, though, are much more interested in Downs in a blindfold. Aljabr,

though, will be partnered by Daragh O'Donoghue, after two American pilots turned down the ride. O'Donoghue is a talented young jockey, but one with no experience even of British Classics, let alone the most important race in the American

and Worldly Manner are coupled at 12-1, while trainer Bob Baffert, who has won the last two runnings, appears to hold all the best cards again. His filly Excellent Meeting - who could yet run in today's Kentucky Oaks instead - is joint-favourite with her stablemate, General Challenge, at 3-1, while the next horse in the list, Prime Timber at 7-2, is also trained by Baffert, General Challenge and Prime Timber were first and second respectively in one of the major trials for Kentucky, the Santa Anita Derby.

Other leading American contenders in the 20-runner field are Menifee (Elliott Walden), Vicar (Carl Nafzger) and Cat Thief (D Wayne Lukas), while the most controversial winner would surely be Valhol, the recent winner of the Arkansas

After that race, there were trical device" to persuade his mount to run faster, and Patin will have to answer the charge

In the latest betting, Aljabr

Anzum and Richard Johnson lead Khayrawani over the last flight in Punchestown's Stayers' Hurdle yesterday lowed to take his chance in the Derby, though with a new rider, Willie Martinez, in the plate.

There was little movement in the 2,000 Guineas market yesterday after 17 horses were left in at the final declaration stage. Godolphin will have two runners, Islands Sands (Frankie Dettori) and Easaar (Michael Roberts), while Aidan O'Brien will, as expected, rely on Orpen, who is 4-1 joint-favourite for the Classic with En-

The final declarations will be made this morning for the 1,000 Guineas on Sunday, with only 23 places available to the 27 fillies

at a hearing on 5 May. In the still entered. Bountiful Lady, meantime, Valhol will be altrained by Sir Michael Stoute, will be the first to be balloted out if the safety limit is exceeded, although she will be held on a reserve list in case of a lastminute mishap to another run-

> The feature race of the first day of the Guineas meeting is the Jockey Club Stakes, in which the doughty mare Borgia, now trained by André Fabre, takes on the 1997 St Leger winner Silver Patriarch, Rahah (3.10) could have the beating of them both, though, while Zip-pergate (3.40) needed his debut at Kempton and should find today's track and trip more to

McManus' last hopes in Istabraq

ISTABRAQ, IN today's Sheli Champion Hurdle can surely ease the pain for J P McManus who has endured a miserable make it, try to get a breather Punchestown Festival week. On Wednesday his top novice hurdler Joe Mac collapsed and died, while yesterday his expensive French import Le Coudray had to be pulled up in the Champion Stayers' Hurdle behind David Nicholson's Anzum.

Anzum, the Stavers' Hurdle winner at Cheltenham, repelled the challenge of Khayrawani in McManus's second colours under strong driving from Richard Johnson.

"That is nearly the riding performance of the season," the winning trainer, David Nicholson, said. "I told Richard to

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Amal Jumairah (Musselburgh 2.4S) **NB: Adnaan** (Newmarket 2.35)

into him after the third last and kick again if he was able," Charlie Swan still looked to

be travelling well on Le Cou-

going to the third last, but his mount was suddenly in trouble as Anzum quickened again.

Nicky Henderson's Katarino followed up his Triumph Hurdle win by taking the £70,000 Champion Four-Year-Old Hurdle, stretching his winning run to five as he outbattled Golden Rule by one-and-a-half lengths.

In the La Touche Cup Risk Of Thunder give his trainer-rider. Enda Bolger, the best possible farewell to a record-breaking riding career. Running in the colours of Sean Connery, Risk Of Thunder took the marathon for dray, the odds-on favourite, the fifth time in a row.

NEWMARKET

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2.05 Danakii 2.35 Silver Robin 3.10 Rabah 3.40 BLACK SILK (nap)	4.15 Maria Isabella 4.50 Houdini's Honey 5.20 Surveillance
GOING: Good. STALLS: Stands side, except 1m1 ORAW ADVANTAGE: None. Eligiblihand course with 1m strail	

M Course is SW of fown on A1304 Bus ink from Cambridge and Newmarket rail stations, ADMISSION; Club Eris; Grandstand & Packicck RT (16 to 25-year-olds 25); Fernity Enclosure 23. CAR PARK! Members \$2; remainder free.
FINE/YEAR RECORD

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FORM GUIDE

Gatecrastier: Just four starts, wirming Kempton moden last May. Only 1th higher than when /-knight second or 2 in hundcap at Haydook (1056 good) and some promise on reappearance: River Book: Trained in 1938 by Mark Tempkins, winning tour times in June. Naw 5th lower in the handcap ratings than last wirming mark after 6 disappointments but hinted at a return to form

at Newbury Inc. Saturday

Praetorian Gold: Another potentially well beated on last summers form, when twice wither of handicups at Im21 33-1 and did not show much in £21,600 handicup at Kempton on return Servet Servey. That in two macions and three handcaps last season, usually never rearer from well off pace. Required plenty of stolong up and may now need further than India. Farmings Night On aam Anadcap mark as when winning four-runner rate at Thirst, (finklig good to firm! East July Below form since, unal second of 11 to Top Jem at Lecester (India tot!) 4 weeks

chiarcha: Apporently not so good as in 1997. Close lith of 22 to Grinkov at Newbury (1m2), d to firm; 13 days ago, with Miragle Island 8th and Pilver Beot 10th on same lemis as the apericion. Mitracle Nationd: First run for vary noarly a year when & lengths eighth of 22 to Grinkov at New-bury intaking most (4% lengths behind Princhlandat Likely to come on for that reoppearance

bury making most (47) lengths period Printhichat Cively to done on lear that recipies that it is a stress to the second printhichat cively to done on lear that recipies that it is a second or it is a summer. It is a second or it is a second or it is a summer. It is a second or it is a second or it is a summer. It is a second or it is a second or it is a summer. It is a second or it is a second or it is a summer. It is a second or it is a second or it is a se

Installa Gonzága: Best turf form at tra2i on sound surface. In decent form on AW this winter, Isobolia Genzaiga: Best birl iorn at Inc2 on sound surface in decard from on AW the winer, winning over tim4 at both Lingfield and Wolverhampton. 16 higher now than on latest start. SRIK Principae: Had diven starts lact autums, no show on first two but then 5 lengths start of 12 limpling late headwary to Shamawan as Newbury tim5. Heavy, 1981 lack on that form 2this: In good form of this mont in small handcaps on testing ground last two starts, making up a lot of ground behind Foxes fall at Folkestone on latest. Probably also acts on good to firm New Trigger: Lifty worthwhile form on but fast season. Officially valed one HID higher on AW this writer but best eithar resulted city in soft of 12 at Lingfield last time. Wears headypas Broughtens Ernor; Very lightly raced, off 18 months before reappearance, 50-1, 5% lengths fourth of 34 in 67000 AW handcap at Lingfield (mid2) latest start, front rank long way, 30 high-

VERDICT: Fentasy Night, leabelts Genzaga and Zaha were all in good form last VEHILLO:: Parasay regin, respects of concept at a large and major in growth again, but there are plemy of others in with a shoult including the relatively unexposed topic-sight GATECRASHER, James Faristrave's 4yo has problems with his knees and got jamed up last year, but he is still a horse with potential and may well make his mark in a higher grade than the later in the season. Denetall, Jaguar and SIIR Princese all make their handicap debuts and need to improve.

2.35 GREEN RIDGE NEWMARKET STAKES (Listed) C4

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8 7 9 3	23-125	YAKAREEN (15) (Harrad Al-Macanc) K Mahd 88

- 6 declared -SETTING: 7-4 Makhwill, 4-1 Adman, 5-7 Beat All, 7-1 Swan Knight, 6-1 Bathwick, 10-1 Silver Robin, 16-1 Yadaroson, 20-1 others 1999: Dr Fong 8 11 K Fallon 11-4 tav (H Cecil) drawn (S) 6 ran

Admain: Noti-brother to Hermando. Imid winner last October in conditions staties at Leicester and listed ratio (by ½ length from Forest Stadow, having travelled strongly to lead over 21 out) at Newmentot, Wishdrawn from the Sandown Classic Tirol on Saturday because of soft ground Amechikaess 20-1 third in Reydock meticlen (74 only less Cachobe 56-1, 0% lengths sold not? to Compton Admiral in Craven Staties have (in, good) 15 days ego. Will probably stay 1m2! Battherloic had busy 2no seeen; winning three times also made all to begit The Prince ¼ length in dessided states at Wireless the month of the Mark to made all to begit The Prince ¼ length in Catassided states at Wireless the month of the Mark to made all to begit The Prince ¼ length in Catassided states at Wireless the month of the Mark to Mark to The Sandown and the Mark to Mark

strif task
Best All: Second of 14 to Auction House in maiden at Doccaster (7f, good to firm), 6-4 severing won 11-anner maiden at Chepitaw (7f, good to soft) 9 weeks later by 2 lengths from Thrust Mulchalift; Trained by David Loder at 2yo, Small but taterated, where of maiden at Leicester (7f, good) by 3 lengths and of conditions stakes at Aucti (7f, good) by 3 lengths and of conditions stakes at Aucti (7f, good to familiar tale) Silver (7f, good to soft). Silver Hobits: Scopey and of Salver Hosek, Week 3-1, bags of promise when strong-inshing (*I-length second of 20 to Ethick in maiden at Doccaster (7f, good to soft). Should stay well, Withdramm from Leicester maiden on Salanday with well conflictals An existing prospect.
Swent Knilight: \$800000 yearing by Seder's Weik, 13-6 synumits, won 12-trainer newcontent ace at Newmaniest (1ft, good), leading lace on and holding Manufact by short head. Promising Yalkarsenia. Won closent conditions stakes at Wolverhampton (9,27) but least of 14 in Lingfield ished race on 8000000.

entained in the Corby, Mukmaik, coccoping mer number here the deepen, our nothing whose last year and is beed for middle distances. He has to be greatly respected, but better value may fix with Admain who looked set for an impressive victory in the fisted Zetland Statuse have last October when he book up the rummit, before making rather hard work of it to get home by 1/4 largift. That base form may considerably underestimush addity, Beat All, Silver Robles and Sween Keight all come in the tould be anything category.

3.10 SAGITTA JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (GROUP 2) (A) £60,000 Tm 4f Penalty Value £34,200

61,02	POSIDOMAS (194) (CJ) (A Christodolog) P Cole 7 B T2 J Pointine 9
	CHIST (USA) (174) (Mrs. J Baley) M Tomplors 4 8 9
	MARCUS MAXIMUS (USA) (198) (Welic Sald) H Cool 489
144-6	PEAK PATH (13) (Lord Weinstock) Sir M Stoute 4 8 8
1613-4	PERSIAN PUNCH (13) (C) (J C Smith) D Boworth 9 88 T Quiton 3
11122	RABAH (216) (D) (BF) (Hamden Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 4 8 8
1645	TA-LIM (230) (D) (Hamdan Al Maktoura) Sir M Stoute 488 L Dettort 10
2/02-2	BORGIA (GER) (46) (D) (BF) (Gestut Ammertand) A Fabre (FI) 5 8 8 O Peeller 8
41232	KADAKA (233) (HH Aga Khan) L Curren 488
/36-	SILVER RHAPSODY (181) (C) (D) (RF) (Lordship Stud) H Cecil 4 8 6 K Fallon 11

BETTING: 4-1 Borgia, 5-1 Silver Patriarch, 5-1 Rabais, 7-1 Peak Path, Silver Rhe donas, Penilan Pench, 10-1 Ta Lim, 14-1 Kadata, 25-1 Marcus Maximus, 33-1 C 1998: Romanov 4 8 8 J Peul 5-1 (P Chappis-Hyem) drawn (5) 8 ran

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Silver Patriarch: Sealen neck by Romanov in this last year. Rather desoppointing after winning Guoration Cup of Epsorin, though self beat Positiones? A length in Italian Goup 1 final start Positionates: Has 28 years for 1/4 length with Sture Patriarch in Italy. Began last season with narrow with in John Porter Stales at Newbury and also won at Royal Assot, all on soft surface. Chias: All 3/ye races on soft surface, whoming Letterster maken in April Off track until pleased in conditions stales and listed race in autumn, in latter 5/4 lengths third to Alcazer at Doncaster Marcus Macheus: Won maden at Yarmouth (1155, good to limit) and conditions stales at Doncaster (Ma2), good; by 2 lengths from Durk Stell). Disappointing on soft geng final start. Peak Petit: 5/4 lengths fourth at 8 to Sea Wave in York Goup 2 (find firm) as 3yo 7-2, below that form in the John Porter at Newbury, when would have been suited by greater starries text Persian Punich: Leading stays: 9-1, disputed lead over 25 out when 274 lengths fourth of 11 in the John Porter at Newbury, (m40 good to firm) is days ago. Class house, but better at 279 lengths fourth of 11 in the John Porter at Newbury (m40 good to firm) is days ago. Class house, but better at 279 lengths fourth of 13 in the John Porter at Newbury (m40 good to firm) is days ago. Class house, but better at 279 lengths fourth in handicap at York (m710), whining 3-runner listed race at Goodwood and fifth in the St. Legic of at a around thrift. But in thum, but probably owe further Bongtax Pased in the Arc and Breederi Cup in 1997 Injured in Dubai World Cup lest March. Switched to Arder Fabre. With below best both starts along the tower enables; sales time? Keedekan: Won Yarmouth melden last July, Flecod in lested races at 8 Newmentat and York and Swetze of Swetze in water was received used on the same same and provided in the Control of the ASSOCIATE, BOT, DY 2 singuis non Desart in Occode. Four in revenury Group 3 sing sant VERDICT: Coronation. Cup winner SILVER PATRIARCH had the best timble form choice despite concading weight all round. On the other hand, it was the same story 12 months ago and he was beginn; it tokes time for him find his stride over this tip and he is vulnerable in a tachcal race. Who might take advantage is, difficult to say Postdones is one candidate, but Persiam Punch surely needs further, a remark which may also apply to the relatively unexposed pair Peak Path and Te-Lim Rabath should be in the shake-up and Borgla would be the one to heart on her 1997 from in a testingthin race cover not the field ran be desirated forther. 1997 form. in a lescenating race, none of the field can be di

3.40 H & K COMMISSIONS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £7,616

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	1052-5	TOUGH GUY (17) (CD) (Soon Let RA Mileon) M Jervis 93 P Robbases 11 :
	5024-0	RED DELIBURAL (17) (Terry News) R Harmon 9 1
	543-	ESTERAAD (226) (Craff Alsoyegh) J Duniop 9 1 R Hille 8
	3145-6	POLES APART (22) (First Fabytouse Partnersho) M Tompides 9 8., 8 Drowne 1
	32-	E.M DUST (195) (D) (Hearrands Stud) J Duniop 8 0
	013-0	ZIPPERGATE (27) (W.J. Gradley) B Hills 90
		SILIMBERING (14) (Mrs C Paining) B Meeton 9 12 Pat Eddary 4 1
	90-1	SURPRISE ENCOUNTER (25) (D) (Ahmed All) E Dunlop 8 12 K Fellon 9 7
)		BOUND FOR PLEASURE (29) (D) (Action) G L Moore 8 8 J Fortune 10 1
i		BLACK SILK (17) (S Rustok) C Wolf 87 G Hard 3 1
?		TOP ORDER (USA) (15) (Prace Paint Samen) P Cole 8 8 A Michole (5) 5 1
	024-05	ACHILLES STAR (15) (Achiles International) K Burle 6 3 Quies 14 /
i	0000	SKY OF HOPE (FR) (15) (Lucayan Soud) A Hannon 8 1.,
,	00-0	ARABIAN MOON (15) (Salom Suhal) C British 7 11
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EETTH(C: 3-1 Surprise Encounter, 11-2 Black Silt, 5-1 Entersed, 11-1 Gudlege, Top Order, 12-1

Rough Guy, Zhpergata, 14-7 Poles Apart, Achilles Sisc, 18-7 Elm Dust, Stambering, 18-1 others

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Guidage: Winner of a strong maiden over G&D last July, but deeppointing 12 lengths 5th of 6 to Nutahasb when well backed in Royal Lodge next time. Reasonably weighted, but could find the on sharp etde and stable not yet into its stride. Tough Guty: Progressive in busy 2yo season and staying-on 7 lengths 5th of 19 to Billy McCaw over C&D off this mark on return, but exposed and open to Improvers Red Deltrium: Failed to fulfit early 2yo promise, although good 2nd in not York nursery Uninspiring correlated when 12th of 19 to Billy McCaw over C&D and verticed now Fatherman Winner of Mcthodroon file maiden. Discovered this facility is the facility of 19 to Billy McCaw over C&D and vertice for the facility in the facility is facility. The facility is facility to the facility of the facility in the facility of Help Determine: France to num earry cyp promises arrough good and in not now numery Uninspung correlated when 12th of 19 to Billy McClaw over C&D and vestred now
Estermed: Winner of Nottingham 6f maden. Disappointing 4 lengths 3rd of 4 to Smart
Savennah as Sandrown (70) final start, but from storing yard and open to improvement
Poles Apart: Possibilities on length 4th to Amazing Dream at the Curragh in August
Can improve on latest 6th to Mutsaldid at Leucester (8f) but extra furiong a concern
Eltin Dust: Leicester 7f debut winner last term, but seemed likely to need farther when
beaten in better company next time. Something to find, though one to note in market
Zippergatte: Nicely treated on backend 5 lengths maiden win over Candlenge hare
(8f). Unable to hendle bends when 10th of 11 to Dehoush on Kempton (1m) return
Startberling: Smart effort when 3 lengths 5th to Gorse over 6f here in Oct. Better for
run when 9th of 12 to Badagara on Newbury (1m) return and cannot be ruled out
Suprice Encounter: Herndicap debut after impressive "J-length Kempton 7f maiden
win over Border Prince. Progressive, but lettest form has not worked out
Bound For Pleasure: Natrow winner of Lingfield backend 17 maiden, despite slow
start, but little show on Leucester return behind Capitan Miler and comething to prove
Black Sifit: Failed to live up to promising 2yo debut, but back to form when last-finshing 11/2 lengths 2nd of 19 to Sifty McCaw over C&D after slow start. 5to higher here,
but likely to be a major factor with a level break. Sulted by fest ground Top Order: Disappointing after early promise last term. Back to form when 2½-length 4th of 15 to Muniz over 6f here on return off this mark, but limited scope for progress Archilles Sterr Good efforts off this mark at backend. Signs of improvement when 7 lengths 5th of 25 to Done And Dussed at Windoor (6f) from back case. Extra 11 will still Sity Of Hope: Signs of ability behind Kilting in strong Doncaster 7f malden in Oct, but plenty to find or combback 8th of 13 to Date over C&D Arabian Moon; Possibilities on 6 lengths 8th to Sumbering at York (8f maiden) in Oct, but trip too sharp on latest 9th of 13 to Date in median over C&D. Should improve

VERDICT: Black Silk is likely to be all the rage after his unbudy compliant effort behind Billy McCaw, and there may be more value in Sarry Hills handicap debutant ZIPPERCATE, who was an emphasic medicen winner here last term. Hills has a time to Black Silk through Calcutta and has been going great gures with his 30y heredcap-pers. Surprise Encounter and Slumbering look other possibilities, while market moves or aftime Enterpand of Story Of News Could be Modificant.

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4	.15	DAHLIA STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £20,000 added 1m 110yds Penalty Value £12,320
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14000-	BOBBYDAZZLE (208) (D) (Mrs B Cohen) Dr J Scargli 48 9 Quiet 2
On-	KELD (210) (D) (C T Racing Ltd) J Fenshews 4 8 9 R. R. Cochrans 4 MARIA ISABELLA (USA) (190) (D) (G Leigh) L Current 4 8 8 R. L. L. Detton 1
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31B00-	MILLING (202) (C J Mis) A Guest 4 8 8 D Holland 7
16-340	PROMARY COLOURS (25) (D) (Saracen Recing) J Peaces 4 8 9
	RICH IN LOVE (197) (R M Cyzen) C Cyzer 6 88
	WARS (17) (SF) (K. J. Marcer) J. Barries 4 8 8
	-8 declared -

BETTING: 11-8 Keld. 2-1 Maria leahella. 9-2 Putuna. 14-1 Rich in Love. 16-1 Million. 25-1 Ward 1998: Yabini El Sultan 4 8 8 R Cochrena 9-2 (8 McMahon) drawn (8) 8 ran

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Puture: Winner of weak Newbury Isted 10f contest lest June and bright chance on letest 4th of 12 to Chief Cashler in Epsora handkap, but looks vulnerable to improve Behbydszzle: Falled to progress after lending 4-runner Newbasid fin handkap by 13 lengths last June and has plenty to find with the step up in grade Keld: Cerabidopshire winner Less Speer beithig when lanking Sandown it makken in July, Improved again when besting Wud Verture 2 lengths over C&D in Oct and looks the one to best with yord in the form Marda laubelia; Half-distret to Bors Shem and Hector Protector, Easy winner of weak itm Nottingham maken (heavy) only start last term. Plenty to find, but sure to improve Mitting: Much largrowed when lending Hamiltorn fin handkap from Buzz in August, but sixe agosard in Island and Group componers and something to find here.

Healing: Much improved when larging harmtorn the nanocap term 2022 in August, but later exposed in listed and Group company and something to find here Primary Colours: Smart performer on the all-weather, but lees good on turf and ittle obvious chance on latest 15 lengths 8th of 19 to Swift at Warwick (ImSI hosp). Right In Love: Candidate for placings on 6 lengths 6th to Ashrasical in Doncaster 7 listed contest and several ament heridicap efforts, but more exposed than rivels. Warst: Sister to smart Gabr and Intisab, Fevouriae when talled-off 9th to Pussy Galore on Followstone 77 mander dybut, Celerly well thought of, but little obvious chance. VERDICT: YELD proved nerself a cut above sverage once she had thrown off her brestling problems last year and looks destined for better things this term. A repeat of har latest effort should be good enough here, unless the lightly-raped Maria leabelfs produces abnormal improvement and starts to live up to her lightly-raped with remaining the content of the content

4.50 PORTLAND LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £4,760

D.	ACUSAN ULCHY (200) (Inegolius Stot) C Bratin 8 T
	ALPENGLOW (Shelich Michammed) J Gotdon 8 71
	BELLENE (Sheith Mohammed) J Gooden 9 11
04-	COMPTON ANGEL (206) (E Penser) G A Buller 8 11
	DAPIA DANCER (King Size Recing) P Howing 8 ??
8	EN SILENCE (USA) (16) (E Sibbe) J Noseda 8 11
	GRACIOUS GET (206) (BF) (The Queen) R Hannon 8 11
	HOUDINGS HONEY (USA) (209) (Marchos Family) Sir M Stoute 8 11 M J Klasne 1
	KAFHANGE (USA) (181) (Goddighm) Sased bin Surger 8 11L Dettori
	MEGA (16) (Mystic Meg Limited) M Tomplans 8 11
4	MISS SHEKA (USA) (226) (Abdulah Alij B Hanbury 8 11
	PINK CRISTAL (D & Carty H Candy & 11
8	PURPLE FLAME (14) (Mrs & Summer) C Horgan & 11
	RIGGING (200) (A D Hullingsworth) B Hills 11
	SARAH'S SONG (14) (Mrs Susan Roy) B Meeten 8 11
	- 15 declared -

EETTING: 9-4 Keftsmee, 7-2 Houdin's Howey, 4-1 En Silemon, 5-1 Alpengiow, 7-1 Gracious Gilt, 12-1 Compton Angel, 14-1 Plat Cristol, 20-1 others 1998: Digitaice 8 1) K Falon 10-1 (H Cacil) drawn (11) 16 ran

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Augusm Glory: Sharest Dancer Bly bred for middle distances. Little promise when last of 10 to Kristins on Nottingham debut (Im maiden, soft) in Oct.

Alpenghow: Escoud Rijk, half-sister to 3 withines from 6 to 1m (two of tham above average), Peetier booking looks segrificant on debut little month of 1m (two of tham above average), Peetier booking looks segrificant on debut little second-string on her debut Compton Aingelt: Signs of solisty when staying-on 6 lengths 4th of 17 to Emma Peet at Nottingham (if median, soft) on 2m staying-on 6 lengths 4th of 17 to Emma Peet at Nottingham (if median, soft) on 2m staying-on 6 lengths 4th of 17 to Emma Peet at Nottingham (if median, soft) on 2m staying-on 6 lengths 4th of 17 to Emma Peet at Nottingham (if median is self-sister to 1m/2 winner Benevernus, meking debut En Silencet: Form pick on debut 5 lengths 7th of 14 to Cassandra Go in strong maid-on 25 lengths (in proved on debut display when staying-on 2 lengths 2md to Emma Peet at Nottingham (if maiden) in Oct. Strould come on again Housilen's Honey: Suparthy-bred sister to top-class miters Machicerellian and Coup De Geris. Promise when staying-on 2 lengths 5th of 11 to Georgatia in stronghy-consisted of maiden here in Oct. Cools sure to progress.

Kaffannes: Promise when staying-on 2 lengths 5th of 10 to Georgatia in stronghy-consisted of maiden here in Oct. Cools sure to progress.

Kaffannes: Promise in Kempton backend maiden, out little show on Windoor reappearance behind Maiden's Blush and plenty to find filter Shema: Promise in Kempton backend maidens, out little show on Windoor expeasance performer Crystal Hearted. Market probably the best guide on debut Purple Filame: 33-1 shot when 11 lengths 7th of 10 to Presumed in 7t newcomers' race it Newbury. Plenty to filtle show on Bewerley 5t debut in August and Bely to need time Sanstine Song, Emit of the Cassandra Coulong the short on the consider when not propose contribution when newer-neare 10 lengths 5th of 10 to Presumed at Norwbury (7t meden). Abov

at narrousy (if mesons, Above-average improvement inserts VERDICT: The market is flighly to be the key to this trappy malden, with sev-erel in the line-up open to improvement. The recent debut effort of EM SNLENCE, how-ever, sets the standard and she will be hard to beat with normal progress. Houdings Honey and Kathamee look the pair most likely to trouble her.

5.20 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (CLASS G) 3YO

2-0 HOUGOUMONT (12) fains P T Welwyn) P Welwyn S D. Pat Eddery 2
SURWEILLANCE (USA) (Shelin Mchammed) J Gooden 8 C. L Deston 1

- 2 declared -- 2 declared -BETTRIQ: 2-9 Surveillience, 7-2 Hougeumone 1988: Rejet 9 8 Martin Dwyer 2-1 (Mrs. J. Cacil) drawn (2) 2 ran

Hougespont: No sign of ability either start. Well beaten by acle rival on debut and stast when 25 lengths 12th of 13 to Alrassam at Newbury (Im) Surveillanes: Woodman coll. half-brother to 3 winners including the useful stayer Late-

VERDICT: SURVEILLANCE, the stable preferred over the promising Ten Kingdoms, must get the vote by default, with his sole rival having shown nothing so far.

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3.50	SHELL CHAMPION HURDLE (Grade 1) £110,000 added 2m Penalty Value £66,000	C4
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005tF0	ARCHIVE FOOTAGE (F26) (D) (BF) (Dr M W Smurfig D Wold 7 to 9	T Evenus i
-24545	DECOUPAGE (43) (D) (BF) (J F Dean) C Egerton (GE) 7 11 9	WINDLINES
F340U2	DECOUPAGE (45) (D) (8F) (J F Dean) C Egerton (36) 7 11 9	C O'Dwy
212111	LIMESTONE LAD (40) (D) (J Bone) J Bone 7 11 9	A P McCo

- 7 declared -BETTING: 4-7 istebras, 7-1 Decoupage, 8-1 Linestone Lad, Sir Telbol, 10-1 Space Trockes, 16-1 Irchive Footage, Fasthered Leader

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Intelligence Provides where of its second Champion Hurdie and hard held when beeting French Holly at Ainthee (2met). Facing one of its essent tests on the book Archive Footages: 8 langths winner of the Laddroles at Leopardstown in January. Fell 2 out when leading Le Coudray at News terneth intent time but hard to fancy in higher grade after poor effort in Const Cup at Chetterfarm Decoupage: Easy Itale Gold Trophy winner from City Hart, Improved effort from 13th higher when beasen 6 lengths by 5th Tablot in County Hurdie at Chetterherm and possible surprise packet if the ground rides test. Faithered Leadert First hurdies nut since Fairyhouse novice win in Nov 1997 Brave 2nd in Irish National on tesset chains start after good Airde Trophy effort at Chetterharm Limestone Lad: Beaten only twice in test 9 starts. Gave 52th and 10-length besting to Tidjeni at Leopardstown latest, but earlier win over Gentle Mossy and Space Youden suggestes gives hart a bit more to find.

Trucker suggests gives him a bit more to find Space Trucker, Close to top class over timber before switch to tences and Grand Armust win at Chellerham. Beaten a length by Celtosis in chase here on Tuesday Sir Tallbott Career-best ethort to best Decoupage 8 lengths at Chellenham (2m1), but will be pressed to confirm placings with wisner at 120 worse on leater ground VERIDICT: This should be plain seiting for ISTABRAQ if his Chellenham and An-hee efforts have not taleer their toll. He is head and should above these rivels on the book and appears equally effective on fast ground and exit. Most likely to trou-ble him are Decoupage, who goes particularly well on a fast surface, and Lime-stone Lad, who has made made phenomenal improvement in his last two starts.

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2.85: A competitive-looking opener, but there is a chance that DANARIL will prove a blot on the handicap. Very lightly raced, he makes his handicap debut off an official handicap mark of 69 having come from France and had three runs on the sand, the last of which resulted in a clear-out win Fantasy Night has obvious claims. while Gatecrasher and River Beat are others to bear in mind.

2.35: Take a chance with the Luca Cumani-trained SILVER ROBIN, a highly encouraging second at Doncaster last November on his only start so far. Ruge improvement is expected this season and some of it today can give him victory over an assortment of other promising types, including Adnaan and the unbeaten pair Mukhalif and Swan Knight.

3.10: John Dunlop fields two of the leading contenders in Silver Patriarch and RABAH, with the thoroughly reliable Rabah possessing the better tactical pace and fancied to upset his older stable companion. He is just one in a strong group of four-year-olds, most of the others lightly raced and open to Path is in that category and today's race should be run to

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muddling John Porter Stakes at Newbury 13 days ago in which he finished two places behind Persian Punch. An Andre Fabre runner here must always be respected, as must an Arc third and Breeders' Cup runnerup, but the mare in question. Borgia, bas plenty to prove oo more recent form after injury.

3.40: BLACK SILK drifted out to 16-1 when appearing for the first time this season, at this track earlier this mooth. But the colt went into many notebooks when, after a noticeably slow break from the stalls and then failing to gain a clear run until inside the last two fur-longs, he finished strongly into the runner-up spot - firmly indicating that his maiden status is surely temporary.

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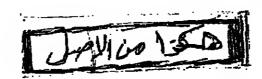
3.50: ISTABRAQ has scarcely had to break sweat to complete a six-timer this season and is less likely than his rivals to be suffering battle fatigue. He faces a new opponent in the rapidly improving Limestone Lad who might prove the most dangerous rival with a 5lb concession and suit him much better than the the astute Tony McCoy aboard.

Stay Of Hope 25-1 15-1 20-1 20-1 25-1

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snub women THE PRIZE MONEY for Wimbledon 121 June to 4 July, will total a record £7.595,330, an increase of 5.4 per cent, with the women players falling £720,770 short in their campaign for parity with the men. Whether

this would make a suffragette's

heart bleed is open to question. Women competitors, whose matches are decided over the best of three sets, will receive £3.098,000 (a 6.2 per cent increase). The men, who play best-of-five-sets, will be paid £3.819.670 (a 4.9 per cent raise). The men's singles champion will get £45.500 more than his female counterpart: £455,000 against £409,500.

Announcing the figures yesterday, John Curry, due to retire as the All England Club's chairman this year, pre-empted criticism from the Women's Tennis Association. "We've had representations from the WTA. and there's supposed to be a petition signed by 90 players. which we've heard about but haven't seen. in which they say they deserve and demand equal prize money at the Grand Slams," Curry said.

TENNIS BY JOHN ROBERTS

Wimbledon

"I'm sure what we've done will not meet that need, but it 1968, King received £750 for winseems strange they're demanding 100 per cent prize money in these tournaments but they [the WTA Tour] pay 50 per cent less prize money ito women! than is paid Ito men! in ATP Tour tournaments.

"Seventy per cent of people say they want to watch men's singles. It's not commercially reasonable to be demanding equal prize-money. They have every right to request increases, but to demand them is hurtful to the championships. I don't think the players are that concerned. Prize-money is a small proportion of their income."

Curry's views contradict Billie Jean King, winner of a record 20 Wimbledon titles (singles, doubles, mixed doubles), a prime force in the development of women's professional tennis, and captain of the United States Fed Cup team. "I think the women today are the best we've ever been, and this

Also: 5-1 Jurikay (5th), 7-1 Oudalmuteens

(6th), 10-1 Kingchip Boy, 12-1 Dolphinelle, 12-1 The Stagor, 12-1 Worth The Effort, 20-1 Morocco, 20-1 Polar Eclipse (4th), 33-1 Polah Legian, 33-1 Press Again, 33-1 Sea

14 ran. 1 %, 1 %, 2 (M Heaten-Elis. Wroughlan) Tote: win D600; places E210, E180, E410, DF: E1030, CSF, E2265, Tinc-ast: E23590, NR: Crested Kright, After a

5.30: (77 2:4y/ts, handlean)

1. MUTABASSIR ______T Quinn 13-6 few

2. Ardent ______A Clark 12-1

3. Clonose _______ N Pollard 18-1

Alsa: 5-1 Comfronter (5th), 12-2 Arbenig
(6ih), 13-2 Strades of Love, 12-1 Fort Knox,
14-1 Famous (4th), 20-1 Toreero, 20-1

Young-Un 25-1 Parting Echo, 25-1 Scotlard

Bay, 33-1 After Eight, 33-1 Floi De Danse,
50-1 Swing Ball.

15 ran, 8, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. (G. L. Moore,
Brighton) Total win £2.50; places £150,
£2.50, £780, 05: £2160 CSF: £22.28.

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Placepot: £45480. Quadpot: £7170.

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2.20: 1. TOPPO'S GEM (J Farring) 8-1: 2.

2.20: 1. TOPPO'S GEM (J Farring) 8-1: 2. College Maid 10-1, 3. Jacques Repty 7-1 17 ran. 4-1 fav Commonwood fo, 17-, fk. Ryen, Hambleton). Tota: £1170; £250, £380, £550. Dual Forecast: £78-00 Computer Strayoff Forecast: £78-00 Computer Strayoff Forecast: £78-00 Computer Strayoff Forecast: £78-00 Computer 51-01; 2. Swarnpy 6-1: 3. Starliner 50-1 15 ran. 4-1 ray Quarted Downs (5th). hd. nk. U. Quarn, Maiton) Tota: £2480; £270, £290, £19

3.50; 1. WHIZZ KIO (C Carver) 4.1 lav. 2

nk (J M Bradley, Chepstow), Tote: P490, £190, £430, £150, 0F: £6650, CSF: £4703 Tricast: £203.83 Non Runner Flying The

Fag. 4.203.5 Not runner Pryorg No. Fag. 4.201. NORTHERN SPRING (K Darley) 13-8; 2. Nabonasser 11-8 fev; 3. Cinnamon Lady 25-1 16 ren. (4 1M Nearon-Elis. Wroughton), Tote: \$2.50; \$110, \$120, \$2.20 DF; \$2.30, \$CSF, \$2.55; 4.50; 1. FATEHALKHAIR (J McAuley) 11-2; 2. Manthul 14-1; 3. Dr Woodstock 12-1, 4. Girtle Set 5-2 fev, 17-ran, %, % 18 Elison, Consett, Co Durhami, Tote: \$6.50, \$1.80, \$2.60, \$4.20, \$1.10 DF; \$2.60 CSF; \$86.50 Titlesst \$672.47.

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2.10: 1. RICHARD ANSDELL IJ Gurmi
100.30; 2. Kirsch 11-4 Fav; 2. Diamond
Offivia 14-1. 11 ran. 1/4, 11/4 (N Litmoden).
Tote: 5480; 5360; £180; £410; Dual forecast:
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2.40: 1. RIVER ENSIGN (Mas K Rockey)
5-1; 2. Grand Estate 6-4 fav; 3. tvor's Deed
6-1. 11 ran. 11/4, 5. (W Brisbourne). Tote:
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CSF: £1157.
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3. Guest Of Honour 7-1: 2. Polly Mills 5-1
10 ran. hd, 5 (M Bed). Rote: £150, £120. £150
£150 Dual forecast: £700. CSF: £2.31 Tncst: £2536. Non Runner: Risky Velenane.
3.40: 1. TAKCHLID (MSS R Clark) 4-5 fav:
2. Palacogate Rouch fil-4; 2. Liftle forn 7-1
11 ran. 5, 3/4 (D Chapman). Tote win £190.
£10, £10, £200 Duel forecast: £200 CSF
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4.10: 1. Oil. (Dean McKeown) 4-1 fav: 2. Consultant 8-1: 2. Multarrab 11-1 13 ran 1, 1/. (Mrs N Macauley): Tota: 25.30. 2150 5570. 2510 Dual toracas: 240.50 CSF: 235.70 Thoast: 2253.08 Tota Tifecta 1244.50

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forecast £13.70. CSF: £43.35 6.10: 1. SUNNY CHIEF (G Duffeld) 5-2 fav: 2. Netherhall 10-1; 3. Jane Ann 12-1 11 ran 5. 11. (Sir Mark Prescott) Tota: £3.10 £1.10

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is their window of opportunity, to ask for what they want. And I think they could get it," King said recently: When tennis went open in

ning the Wimbledon women's singles title. Rod Laver, the men's singles champion, was paid £2,000. This year, first round losers in the qualifying lournament for the Wimbledon women's singles will receive 0840 tfirst round losers in the men's singles qualifying event get £1,080). In 1968, a place in the quarter-finals of the Wimbledon women's singles was worth £150, the sum all competitors this year will receive as a daily allowance to help with the cost of accommodation and travel.

Leaps in the amount of prizemoney - £26,150 in 1968; £277,066 in 1979; £3.133m in 1989 - have been matched by pre-tax profits, which are passed on to the Lawn Tennis Association for the development of the sport. Last year's profit was £33m.

The total prize-money for the next Grand Slam tournament, the French Open (24 May to 6 June) will be £6.8m.



Arantxa Sanchez Vicario returns serve during her straight-sets defeat of her Spanish compatriot Maria Antonia Sanchez Lorenzo in Hamburg vesterday

Penaud going back to France

THE FORMER French Test stand-off Alain Penaud is quitting Saracens two years early for family reasons. Penaud's wife has not been able to settle in England and the family are returning to France at the end of this season. The 29-year-old joined the club to replace the Australian Michael Lynagh this season. But the association has not been successful with Saracens outside the European qualifying zone and Penaud has been affected by frequent injuries.

"I would like to thank all the Saracens players and coaches for making me so welcome." said the Frenchman with 30 caps. "I am disappointed that I am unable to continue to play for Saracens but I must listen to my wife and young son Damon. I am determined to belp Saracens qualify for Europe, then perhaps I can enjoy playing against them when I am back in France." Saracens' rugby director,

Mark Evans, said: "We are disappointed to lose Alain but fully understand that he must put his family before everything else." The Harlequins lock Gareth

Llewellyn has been drafted into the Wales squad for next mouth's tour of Argentina. AP Llewellyn, Wales' most capped

RUGBY UNION By TERRY COOPER

forward with 62 Test match appearances, joins the 37-man squad because the Pontypridd lock Ian Gough has a broken arm that will require 10 weeks recovery time. Llewellyn, 30, last played for Wales 14 months ago when they crashed to a record 60-26 defeat against

England at Twickenham. Wales leave for South Amer ica on 23 May, the three weektrip featuring two Test metch appointments with Argentina in Buenos Aires. Wales have also asked the centre Jason Jones-Hughes, one of Australia's best young players, to represent them at the World Cup.

Jones-Hughes said yesterday be had been asked by the Wales coach, Graham Henry, to play for the host country. He is eligible to play for Wales because his father, Glynne, is Welsh. "Big changes are happening in Welsh rugby and the opportunity is very exciting." Jones-Hugbes said. "Graham initially approached me about joining Cardiff and the offer to play for Wales came only recently. My first priority is still to play for the Wallabies but I have to keep my optious open.

NEWMARKET – TOMORROW

3.40 SAGITTA 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Growp 1)
(A) £300,000 3YO 1m Penalty Value £182,232

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- 17 declared --BETTING: 4-1 Drpen, 9-2 Enrique, 11-2 Commander Collina, 7-1 Island Sanda, 8-1 Auction House, Mujahid, 16-1 Compton Admiral, 14-1 Airassaam, 20-1 Brancestor, Exast, 25-1 Bahamian Bart dit, 33-1 Desaru, Easaer, 50-1 Debbies Warning, Triple Desh, 66-1 Gold Academy, Rad Sas 1998 King Of Kings 9 0 M J Kinane 7-2 (A P O'Bnen, kit drawn (77) 18 ran

RESULTS

Going, Good (becoming Good to Firm) 2.00: (5f 59yds, maiden stakes, 2yo)

1. SEAZUN _________T Outum 7-2 Jt fav Also rant 7-2 it law lights, 7-1 Cowboys And Angels, 9-1 Coco de Mer (5th), 12-1 Anotic Parch, 12-1 Argent Facile (6th), 12-1 Son-

Widdecombe. 14 ran. 2". ". h. hd. (M. Channon, Upper Lambourn) Tota; win £5.30; places £2.70. £6.30, £4.30. Dual Forecast. £66.90. CSF.

2.30: (5/ 59yds, claming stakes)
1, CELTIC VENTURE _____P Dos 33-1
2, Johnny Staccato _____F Norton 11-1
3, Mangus ______L Delton 7-4 lev

12 ren. 11/h, hd. 1/h, 1, sh-hd. Uukan Poul ton, Lewes). Tota: wm £2570; places £610, £230, £130. Dust Forecast: £5700. CSF:

3.00 (km 3/ 196yds, handicap)
1, CAERNARFON BAY _____T Quirm 8-1
2, Pay Normage _Learne Masterion 14-1
3, Mathreys_____ G Hind 20-1
4, Hungill Dantoer _____ N Pollurd 25-1
Also: 7-2 fax Admirals Secret, 5-1 Alsahu
5, 10, 7-1 Mysto Cuess, 11-1 Nice Guy,
11-1 UK Megic, 72-1 Tailo, 34-1 Mystic Ridge,
20-1 Browning, 20-1 Cassoc Conkers, 20-1
Tramiline, 33-1 Ocean Line, 33-1 Roderick
Hudson, 33-1 Vidame (6th),
17 ran, hd, 1, 1/h, 3/h, 1/h, (G L Moore,
Brighton), Tota: win £780; places £240,
£300, £550, £420, Dual Forecast; £4820,
CSF: £9851 Tricast; £1,99761, Non Runner:
Forbes Park.

3.30* (71 214yda, classified stakes)

1. MANSA MUSA ________T Quinn 13-2

2. Sky Dome _______S Drowne 15-8 fav

3. Grand Stam _______Dane O'Nelii 7-1

Also: 7-2 Shanghi Crab (4th), 8-1 Ghaazi
(2th), 9-1 iron Mountain (5th), 20-1 Bold Oriemail. "7 ran. '/- 2, 3'/4, 1'/-, 12 (M Charmon, Upper Lambourn). Total: win £8,90; places £3.10, £1.60. DF: £13.80. CSF: £16.86.

Skye 13 ran. hd. sh-hd. 11/-. 1/-, 1. (W Muir, Lambournt, Tote: win £12.20; places £2.70 £2.20, £3.10. DF: £59.50. CSF: £88.01. The

4.30: (Im 2l, auction malden stakes, 3yo)
1, LAMERIE Dene O'Neit 100-30
2, Lucky Gitano Pat Eddery 4-7 fav
3, Sharin Hille 6-1
Alao: 12-1 Assured Movements (5th), 33-1
Lucky Red. 50-1 Aimnestar6th, 50-1
Renaissance Lady (4th), 50-1 Wansford
Lady

Laby. 1/4, hd. 3/4, 7, 1/4. (R Hannon, East Everleigh). Tote: win £440; places £150. £160. £160. £160. Duel Forecast: £1,90. CSF: 5.00: (7/ 214yds, bandicap) 1. MELLORS _____ K Falton 9-2 fev

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FOLKESTONE 973 983 BANGOR (E) 974 984 SEDGEFIELD (E) 975 985 ALL COURSES RESULTS

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HYPERION

2.25 Elaando 3.00 HI Hedley 3.30 Glowing Path 4.05 High Gale 4.40 Idiotic 5.10 Machi-avelli 5.40 El Monty

FOLKESTONE

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in piaces on chase course)
STALLS: Straight course - stands side, Round - outside.
ORAW ADVANTAGE: High post from 5t to 1m.
Ill right-hand, unclusting course
III Course is 6m W of town of A20. ADAMSSION: Club & Tahersols 10; Ponc Park St per car; 14 per occupant. CAR PARK: Free.
ILLEADING TRAINERS: J Gifford 13-73 (173%), D Grissoll 12-72
III 67%), N Henderson 10-29 (345%), M Pipo 7-35 (20%)
III LEADING JOCKEYS; N Williamson 16-63 (254%), M A
Pitogerald 11-80 (183%), R Ourweady 10-50 (20%), A P
McCoy 9-61 (148%)
III FAVOURITES: 12-290 (40%)
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Stormy Session (300)

2.25 ROMNEY MARSH MAIDEN HURDLE (E) 52,900 added 4YO 2m 1f 110yds

3.00 EAST WEAR BAY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m 2f UOIF53 HI HEDLEY (25) (C) G Hubbard 9 Ti 10 ... Michael Branna 20122U WOODLANDS BEAU (8) (8F) R Airer 7 ti 10. Doubtid

3.30 BIDDENDEN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (G) \$2,000 2m 1f 110yds

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1 4300 GGARREY PARK (PSZ) P Michel 5 £0 S Durack
2 50065 GLOWING PRITH (25) (CU) R Hodging 9 15 J Tizzard
3 02926 BULLINATION (9) (CU) Mrs Luwel 5 10 °0 Mrs Stronge (7)
4 35050 BULLIN FRANCHSE (13)(D) Mrs Luwel 5 10 °0 Mrs Stronge (7)
5 USES0 BESH SER (7) (D) B Liewallyn 6 10 °0 feet Mrs J L Liewallyn
6 (0299 SHANUNG (4) S Woodman 7 109 B Fenton
7 0250 LUCY TUFTY (25) (D) G Prodution 8 0 6 Michael Britanian
8 600 WEETES AMBERT (53) JR Poston 4 °0.4 ... A Thorston
9 6530 BULREND MAGE (420) JC Poston 8 °0.3 ... M Setchelor (3)
9 50-005 LITTLE NOID (26) (D) JR Best 10 °0.0 L Cummins 57)
10 007 PALKENBERG (FR) (27) B Poston 4 °0.0 L Aspet
12 60547 KIROV PROTECE (180) R Death 7 °0.0 L Datacumber
10 (USPO DETACHWART (23) Mrs 7 Canson 6 °10. D Goldstein (3)
13 /POPU WHSKY WILMA (27) D Grosel 7 °0.0 J Goldstein (3)
15 /PPP PRRAMOUNT LEADER (20) D Warts 7 °10 Sophie Minchel

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4.05 SEDDLESCOMBE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E) £4,000 added 2m

Zahid, Deep Retrain, 10-1 Viking Rod, Cohern, 18-1 others

4.40 SOUTH EAST POINT-TO-POINT HUN-TER CHASE (H) £1,350 3m 2f

-7 declared -BETTING: 6-4 Idiotic, 3-1 Brass Of Mar, 7-2 Cardinal Gayle, 7-1 Commosorris, 10-1 Stathridge Gold, 25-1 Red Rory, 30-1 Young Nincod

5.10 PEDLINGE HANDICAP HURDLE (D) £4,000 edded 2m 1f 110yds

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5.40 CANTERBURY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (H) £1,750 sdded 2m 1f 110yds 5 BEREWOLF (30) J Gifford 5 fl 4. L Aspet

HYPERION

MUSSELBURGH

2.15 Chakra 2.45 Swn Dancing 3.20 Indiana Princess 3.55 Tinsal Whistia 4.25 Lady Rachel 5.00 Archello 5.30 Garnock Valley

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GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Inside, except 2m5i (far side)
ORAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 71 & fm.
III R;th-hand oval course with tight turns.
III Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on A1 Bus link from Edinburgh station 5m. ADMISSION: Cub 512; Tattersalis 55 (OAPs and unemployed 53) Accompaned under-16s free. CAR PARK: Free
III LEADING TRANIERS: J Borry 37: 63 (22,7%) Mrs M Revoley
5-86 (174%) M Channon 10-38 (25.3%) M Johnston 10-88 (114%).
III LEADING JOCKLYS: K Dartey 36-146 (173%), J Carroll 21-155
(135%), K Faulton 20-91 (22%), A Cultisate 20-123 (16.3%).
III FAVOLUTITES: 173-123 (193%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Sheer Warning (500); Erupt (5:30)
LONG OISTANCE TRAVELLER: Chakra (2:5), Flying Pennant
(500), Priory Gartiens (5:30) sent 357 miles.

2.15 COME TROTTING IN AUGUST AMA-TEURS HANDICAP (F) £3,500 5f

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- 17 fectures -BETTENS: 9-2 SFk Cottage, 6-1 Pelacagate Jack, 7-1 Johnyra, Mon Bruca, 9-1 Sant Rivale, 10-1 Chakra, 12-1 Kalat, Swan At Whatley, 14-1 others 2.45 MUSSELBURGH FAIR DAY RACES CLASSIFIED STAKES (E) 23,500 1m

3.20 HARNESS MEETING OF THE YEAR CLAIMING STAKES (F) £3,000 2m 5 SELECT EQUINAME (25) 0 Extoy 4 9 3 ... 9 RiszPatrick (5) 7
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14501 SLASHER JACK (201) (C) K Rysan 8 8 11 ... A McCarthy (3) 5
14404 ANACO GOLD (24) (D) D Costgrov 7 89 M Tabbuts 2
14702 STAKIS CASINOS BOY (JASS) 8 Elison 5 8 8 ... T Williams 3
14055/ FANADIYR (J49) J Codde 7 8 7 W Supple 1

-7 declared -BETTING: 6-4 kmfana Princess, 5-2 Stasher Jack, 6-1 Moneco Gold, 7-1 Select Equiname, 16-1 Stalds Casinos Boy, 14-1 Breydon, Fanadiyr

3.55 NEIL WYATT 1998 AWARD AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (F) £3,500 2YO 5f

3 LITTLE CHRISTIAN (13) N Tinkis 9 0. J McAuley (7) 8
6 MIFTY MAJOR (27) (8F) J Berry 8 0 . K Darley 3
RED REVOLUTION (LISA) 7 D Barron 9 0 . W Supple 1
6 TINSEL WHISTLE (18) M Jarvs 9 0 . M Tebbut 8
YENALED J Golde 9 0 . A Cultinane 2
BRANSTON LUCY 1 Emerrypon 8 9 . D Pears 5
5 JANICELAND (15) S Kestevel 8 9 . M Fenton 4
6 NATSMAGIRL (25) M Were 8 9 . J Carroll 7
6 declared —

- 6 declared
BETTONG: 5-2 Nifty Mejor, 11-4 Tinsel Whistle, 9-2 Janiceland, 5-1 Little Christian, 16-1 Red Revolution, 12-1 Natsmaght, 16-1 Others

4.25 MUSSELBURGH AWARD WINNING TEAM HANDICAP (D) 25,500 1m 4f

5.00 TROTTING IS FUN AT MUSSELBURGH HANDICAP (F) (DIV I) £3,500 71 30yds

- 14 declared -

~ 14 Decision — Af Decision — Af Decision — Africanium weight: 7st 10th, True handicap waynet, Franch Ginger 7st 7to BETTING: 9-2 Mei Tal, 8-1 Aberteen, Shontaine, 7-1 Technicism, 8-1 Robtens, 16-1 Cosroit Case, Encounter, 12-1 others

5.30 TROTTING IS FUN AT MUSSELBURGH HANDICAP (F) (DIV II) £3,500 71 30yds

BANGOR

5.50 Brumalls 6.20 Eskleybrook 6.50 Leafy Grove 7.20 Luke Warm 7.50 Tombola 8.20 Tanseed GOING: Good to Soft

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If Course is 4m SE of Wresham near junction of A325 and 85069

Bus service from Whecham station ADMISSION: Paddock I'M.

Course 15 (under 16s free all enclosures). CAR PARK: Free

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Keegan led by innocence of youth

THE HUNGARIAN media re- By GLENN MOORE vived Kevin Keegan's old nick- Football Correspondent name, Mighty Mouse, when he arrived in Budapest this week. but, to judge from his belief in youth, the England coach has more in common with Disney's tamous rodent.

Though the senior players were England's best performers in the Nep Stadium on Wednesday night Keegan's first thought, after revealing he had decided to take the job longterm, was of the young players whose promise had encouraged his decision.

He was not just talking about the five debutants on Wednesin Hungary and back in England. "At the moment we have the best crop of young players coming through for 15 years

and their potential was a factor in taking the job," he said. "You need a hlend, young players need to be able to look up and what I will give them, but they are our future."

This promise has been evident for several years now and Keegan's predecessor, Glenn Hoddle, spoke similarly about his own reasons for becoming England coach. His 10 new caps included David Beckham, Michael Owen, Paul Scholes, day night but of others with him Rio Ferdinand, Nicky Butt and Lee Hendrie, all of whom are still under 25.

With Terry Venables having judging anyone on 90 (or 15) previously capped the Neville

brothers, Gary and Phil, Sol Campbell and Robbie Fowler, Keegan thus inherited a nucleus of young players who already had some knowledge of the international scene.

This week he capped, or see a David Batty or Alan called up, another eight young-Shearer alongside, and that's sters (Michael Gray, Emila Heskey, Jamie Carragher, Wes Brown, Frank Lampard, Francis Jeffers, Michael Ball and Jonathon Woodgate) plus the late-developing 25-year-old Kevin Phillips.

Not all prospered: Brown was not ready. Phillips faded after a bright start; others had less chance to make an impact; but all will have learned and most should get another chance. Keegan said he would not be

utes and added: "People will

played) have had a true test of what international football is all

judge them on one game but I about. I thought they did very, will judge them on the three very well. You wouldn't come days I've had with them and out and rave about them hut from training. We didn't have it you'd look to them to progress all our own way so [those who off the experience, like you would a racehorse that had been given a first run.

ENGLAND'S YOUNG LIONS

UNDER-25 XI

Wiright (Ipswich, age 21); "G Neville (Manchester United, 24), "Ferdinand (West Ham, 20), "Campbell (Tottenham, 24), "P Neville (Manchester United, 22); "Beckham (Manchester United, 23), "Butt (Manchester United, 24), "Scholes (Manchester United, 24), "Hendrie (Aston Villa, 21): "Fowler (Liverpool, 24), Owen (Liverpool, 19).

UNDER-21 XI

Simonsen (Everton, 20); Woodgate (Leeds, 18), *Ferdinand (West Ham, 20), Barry (Aston Villa, 18); *Brown (Manchester United, 20), Cole (West Ham, 17), Lampard (West Ham, 20), Morris (Chelsea, 20), Ball (Everton, 19); Jeffers (Everton, 18), *Owen (Liverpool, 19).

denotes full International

Wes Brown battled away; the Gareth Barry and Lee Bowyer display though Keegan reyoungsters did great. Some of them will not be in the next squad, we know that, but there are future squads for them."

The previous night a weakened Under-21 side had shown character and skill to recover from a 2-0 deficit to draw with their Hungarian counterparts and, looking further ahead, the Under-16 team this week moved into the quarter-finals of the Uefa Championships in the Czech Republic.

Those players will have to wait (though it is only three years since Michael Owen was playing at that level), but there are others close to stepping up. Richard Wright and Kieron Dyer of Ipswich, West Ham's prodigy Joe Cole, Stephen Ger-

"Kevin Phillips did OK and rard of Liverpool, Aston Villa's less certain after another fitful and Alan Smith of Leeds are all in the frame.

> Not that Keegan undervalues the benefit of experience. He added: "The experienced players were the real bonus against Hungary: Martin Keown, Alan Shearer, David Batty and David Seaman."

> Keown, in particular, appears to have won himself a regular place with Tony Adams and Campbell, competing in June for the right to play alongside

> "In the last two games be has been unmovable," Keegan said. "He has earned tha right to stay in the side. It is a case of looking to see who is going to partner him."

mained unbeat. "He was good in the first half when we were doing things. Then, when we got under the cosh a little bit, he tried to do the things that sort of player finds difficult. I was very pleased with him and I told him so after the game, he showed he wants to be part of the squad."

At 27 McManaman bas reached the point where potential should be translated into performance but the others have time on their side. Some will fall away, the fate of Nick Barmby, whose glowing future seems a distant memory though he is still only 25, shows that. Many, however, will prosper and Keegan now has the chance to do so with them.

Scotland find new sense of self-belief

SCOTLAND'S REMARKABLE BY PHIL SHAW victory over Germany produced an effect which an army of sports psychologists, faith healers and self-styled motivational gurus might have struggled to achieve. By beating the European champions in their own backyard, Craig Brown's makeshift team changed perceptions on the question of qualifying for Euro 2000 at a

Among the management, players and fans, the helief that Scotland can now go on Group Nine, was strong as they returned to prenare for such trifling matters as Sunday's Old Firm derby, Suddenly, the end of season friendly no one wanted did not seem such a bad idea.

Since the Czechs' win in Scotland a month ago, Brown had been almost alone in contending there was no reason why Scotland could not turn the tables on 9 June. Admitting that he would gladly trade the triumph in Bremen for one in icised after the match in Glasgow for suggesting that we could win over there. But if we get players back, it is hy no means out of the question."

Brown may be less inclined to ring the changes than might success in the Weserstadion. Several of the fringe players. most notably the match-winner Don Hutchison, would have cause to feel aggrieved if they were returned to the bench when Scotland resume competitive action in the Faroe Islands on 5 June.

It is, of course, possible to read too much into a friendly. especially when a number of the opposing players have a European Cup date with Manchester United on their minds. Some Scottish supporters and scribes still harp back to an overhead kick which Duncan Ferguson crashed against the German bar in 1993, citing lt as evidence (in the absence of any goals) of the big striker's potential at the highest level.

Like his former Everton

fered from image problems, albeit without falling foul of the law. However, he already looks likely to achieve more internationally. Praising the Tynesider, who has a Scottish father, Brown said: "Don did outstandingly well in three different roles - up front, on the left of midfield, and once Paul Lambert went off, as the anchor

Brown singled out Hutchison for "a right good chat" during and repeat Wednesday's feat by
winning away to the Czech Re- the floodlights, like the Gerpublic, their principal rivals in man side, suffered a power failure - and told him that the game offered an opportunity to lay the foundations for an international career. In keeping with his colleagues, he just needed to be more confident. "It was a psychological thing," explained the manager, "facing the white jerseys of the European champions." Others who probably booked their places for the June double beader were Alan Johnston, of Sunderland, Prague, he added: "I was crit- skills exposed a defensive weakness in Bayera Munich's Thomas Strunz that will not have gone unnoticed by Alex Ferguson and Ryan Giggs.

Callum Davidson, the Blackburn left-back, gave another assured display, which included have been the case before the an "assist" on the goal. The commitment of Colin Hendry. Tom Boyd and Lambert made nonsense of suggestions that they would be saving themselves for the Celtic-Rangers

Churlish as it may sound to point out weaknesses, David Weir's positional sense at rightback was not all it might have been. Colin Calderwood, who is playing regularly in the Premiership again after signing for Aston Villa, might be a more judicious choice.

Craig Burley should also return, at the expense of Scot Gemmill or Ian Durrant, with Hutchison perhaps joining him in midfield. Up front, the workrate of Billy Dodds may not be enough to prevent Neil Mc-Cann being given the chance to build on a performance of great promise against the Czechs.



Germany's goalkeeper Jens Lehmann surveys an incredible scoreline in Bremen on Wednesday night Reuters

Whoever starts the next game, Brown deserves enormous credit for his shrewd marshalling of depleted resources. Many managers, conscious of how a win in Germany would look on their CV, would have been tempted to leave well alone. He stuck to his promise not to over-exert players at a critical point in the domestic campaign and, in the closing stages, bravely blooded the

Brown may have felt some sympathy for his opposite number, Erich Ribbeck, Germany's coach was mauled by the media after a 3-0 defeat in the United States but argued in mitigation that the match came during the Bundesliga's winter hreak. There could be no such excus-

es on this occasion. One kept waiting for the

Hearts' pair Paul Ritchie and Germans to press the hutton looked his 38 years in the secand move into top gear, yet it never happened. We can not know whether things would have been different in a competitive game, but there were signs that the three-time world champions genuinely do not have a generation coming

through to replace Klinsmann, Kohler and company. Lothar Matthaus, while still their main creative force.

ond half. Oliver Bierhoff did not show the sharpness expected of a player who averages two goals every three games for his country. Only the Italian-based midfielder Jörg Heinrich revealed the expected quality.

Ribbeck, who noted that "it sounded as if there were 27,000 Scots in the stadium", may struggle to ensure Germany defend their title next year.

German pride at a low pitch

THE GERMAN television com- BY IMRE KARACS mentator's desperation grew. in Berlin "Where is the cross, where is the cross?" he asked. The first useful one cama after 60 minutes. Then there was one good attempt at goal from Ulf Kirsten. And that was that, as the national team went down to a 1-0 defeat against Scotland, after being completely outplayed in the second half.

This cannot be the sum total of German football, everybody agrees, but then, they have just lost to a country ranked No 28 in the world, having already been beaten by the United States in a friendly, and Turkey in a Euro 2000 qualifier.

That cross, eagerly awaited by strikers of the calibre of Oliver Bierhoff, never came. Why, no one can understand. Almost all the plausible national players were on show including the talented gang from Bayern Mu-nich. The manager tried them in all kinds of permutations, but three decent passes together.

Perhaps it is because of all that chopping and changing that the team cannot gel, argue the critics. There is no more time for experiments," declared Bild, the leading national tabloid. The next game, on 4 June, is a qual-

It is likely that Germany will win that game, just as they triumphed recently in Northern Ireland despite all the talk of a deep crisis. They will probably qualify from a weak group, but that cannot conceal the fact that German football is in trouble, with the former international Gunter Netzer laying the blame on "our lack of creative players".

After the resignation of Berti Vogts last year, Germany was lumbered with Erich Ribbeck as national coach, because no one else wanted the job. To suggest that Ribbeck is not highly rated would be an understatement. But it is his unenviable task to build a new team after the old boys who represented the country at the World Cup, retired. Ribbeck must experiment, because almost none of the newcomers, ignored by Vogts and still they were unable to string now in their late 20s, has enough experience at international level. And because he keeps changing them, none 🐠

are given a real chance now. Consequently, the team is demoralised and the same papers that hounded Vogts out of his job are now clamouring for

Understudies display talent

WHILE SOME of the Republic of Ireland's leading performers rested between engagements this week, their understudies took the chance to show the depth of talent available to Mick McCarthy may be greater than be realised. The bonus was to inflict a 2-0 defeat on Sweden, who, as their next Euro 2000 opponents, England, know, have performed as well as almost any country over the first half of the qualifying competition.

Losing five players to injuries, agreeing to take off three more at half-time and resting another two until the last quarter of the game. McCarthy must have wondered how well the Irish would come out of Wednesday's engagement; all the more so after a first 45 minutes in which they created one scoring chance. In fact, it was once the reserves had taken centre stage that a plodding production turned into something more vibrant, with an unlikely cast list finally bring-

ing the audience to their feet,

Stoke's Graham Kavanagh

By STEVE TONGUE

a greying 25 year-old from the Second Division, Kevin Kilbane of West Bromwich Albion and Nancy's Tony Cascarino, 36, iall won applause with their contributions. There was a welcome hreak too for Mark Kennedy.
In defence Kenny Cunning-

ham confirmed what McCarthy has known from their days together at Millwall, that he can play as capably in the centre as at right-back, a position Tottenham's Stephen Carr suggested he could fill in the longer term. Carr is one of those must be looking forward to the move away from Lansdowne Road's rugby pitch to Dublin'a proposed new stadium.

The Dublin football public clearly appreciate the quality and commitment of the squad, echoed by McCarthy when be said: "I'm so delighted at the squad that turned up here, and players coming in wanting to play, even with little knocks and niggles. I really was."

Welling seek escape route

WEDNESDAY'S LOTTERY UPDATE.

Draw date: 28/04/99. The winning numbers: 15, 23, 24, 36, 43, 49. Bonus number: 11.

Total Sales: £27.780,701. Prize Fund: £12,501,315 (45% of ticket sales).

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Maybe, just maybe.

WELLING UNITED will be hoping that Cheltenham Town are still relaxing tomorrow, after securing the Nationwide Confer- BY RUPERT METCALF

ence title last week. The Gloucestershire club have lost both the gamea they they lose - as long as Barrow have played since clinching are also defeated by a similar the championship and, if they go down again tomorrow at home to Welling, the Kent side will avoid relegation.

Match 6 (Jackpot)

Match 5 plus bonus ball

Match 3

TOTALS

NOTEBOOK

Welling could be safe even if margin at Kidderminster, who will be playing their last match under Phil Mullen's management before the summer arrival

of Jan Molby, the former Liv-erpool midfielder. Welling and Barrow both have 40 points, but the Cumbrians are in the bottom three because their goal dif-

ference is inferior by three. Welling gave themselves a good chance of escaping the drop with Monday's 4-2 win at Leek, a result which sent the Staffordshire side down along with Farnborough.

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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Altrincham sealed promotion from the UniBond League with Tuesday's 3-0 win at Frickley Athletic. The Cheshire club will join Sutton United and Nuneaton Borough in the Conference next season.

Garry Hill has resigned as manager of St Albans City and will take charge of their Ryman League rivals, Dagenham & Redbridge, next season

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McCarthy eludes Barnsley BARNSLEY'S QUEST to bring BY ALAN NIXON the Republic of Ireland man-

ager, Mick McCarthy, to Oak-The Everton manager, Walwell is on the verge of collapse over a compensation dispute. McCarthy, a hero at Oakwell as a player is the man Barnsley want to replace John Hendrie as their manager, He was keen to bring his assistant Ian Evans, another former Barns-

ley player, with him as part of the package, but the Football Association of Ireland has asked for around £500,000 in pies' manager, Rund Gullit, has compensation for both Mc-Carthy and Evans. Soanish media

Barnsley are unwilling to pay such a sum for a new management team and have started to look for alternatives. McCarthy was keen to help and Zinedine Zidane swap Barnsley and was interested in a joint role with both club and country, but the First Division team are insisting on a full-time appointment.

ter Smith, is trying to sign the winger Lee Sharpe from Leeds United in a film deal. The former Manchester United player is currently on loan at Bradford City and is keen to leave Leeds permanently. Newcastle United have been

linked with Marcelino, Real, Mallorca'a Spanish international centre-back. The Magmade a £6m bid for the 28-yearold. according to reports in the

Real Madrid and Juventus have begun negotiations that could see Clarence Seedorf chibs. The Spanish side are desperate to sign Zidane, France's World Cup hero, and could let Seedorf, their Dutch midfielder, move to Italy as part of the

deal. Real are also prepared to part with their Brazilian leftback Roberto Carlos and their Yugoslav striker Predrag Mija-

tovic to secure Zidane. Zidane plus three Manchester United players, David Beckham, Dwight Yorke and Ryan Giggs, are all part of a Fifa All-Star squad which has been selected to play Australia to open the new Olympic stadium in Sydney on 12 June.

Manchester United's latest international Wes Brown, who made his senior England debut in Hungary on Wednesday, has been rewarded for a successful season at Old Trafford with a new five-year contract.

The Charlton defender Richard Rufus has escaped a four-match suspension following his recent red card against Leeds. He was brought before a Football Association disciplinary commission for alleged

violent conduct but, after view ing video evidence, the panel judged that no further action was warranted and lifted the Suspension.

Leeds' former Charlton midfielder Lee Bowyer also escaped a suspension: he was warned about his future conduct and fined £750 after pick-

ing up 11 bookings this season. The wages of Premiership players increased by 40 per cent last season, according to estimates published by the accountants Deloitte & Touche.

The total wage bill for the

Premiership in the 1997-98 season was three-and-a-half times higher than in 1992-93. The best-paying club were Chelsea. with a wage and salary bill for last season of nearly £27m, followed by Manchester United with £26.9m, Liverpool with £24.1m and Newcastle United

County Championship: Derbyshire poised for victory while Lancashire and Worcestershire are made to struggle

Ealham upholds Kent's honour

rerman prid THE PAST exploits of Kent players have been frozen, framed and hung everywhere at Can-

terbury in the visitors' dressing-room and on the stairwell leading up to it in an attempt to gain a psychological edge and to remind the home squad of the club's proud achievements. On the evidence of this performance the present hunch is

more deserving of a place in the county's rogues' gallery. They would certainly be hard pressed to find anything worth framing from this match. Only Mark Ealham, with a dogged and, at times, near stationary half century, was pre-

pared to tough it out, staying long enough not just to make Derbyshire bat again but also to drag the match into a third day with Kent 49 runs ahead. The defeat will still be humiliating, more so since it should be Derbyshire's first victory on the ground for 40 years. In fact Ealham's innings

served merely to underline the embarrassmeot of their predicament as be cudgelled an admirable, unbeaten 85. including a six and 16 fours during a oear four-hour stay at the crease, ally supported during the extra half bour by Martin McCague, who had joined him with scores level. There was a danger of this becoming the first day-night match in the County Championship as Derbyshire pressed but failed to take the last wicket.

It is already quite clear, even this early in the season that the newly installed captain, Fleming, is going to have his work cut out to knock an undeniably taleoted bunch of individuals into receiving a nasty blow on his a squad worthy of challenging left elbow from a Headley de-**Inderstudies** for major honours.

If Kent's batting was poor first time around, there was little improvement 24 hours later. jured Kent pride.

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN at Canterbury

Kent 141 & 208-9 Derbyshire 300

Only Ealham and Fleming shoveiled together any kind of a barrier against the penetrative Derbyshire attack. At least Kent's bowlers had stuck at it. Dean Headley and Ealham

each picking up four wickets. Unlike Kent, the Derbyshire batting bottle held no surprise with Cork as their stopper. His three and a half hour innings was one of great self-discipline and it was essential to the Derhyshire cause, a real captain's effort, it put Derbyshire well in charge, demoralised the opposition and left Kent with far too

much to do. Cork has begun the seasoo rather well. He arrived at the crease with a couple of not outs in championship and one day matches. He had his moments of luck oo the occasions that the persevering Kent bowlers found the edge.

But he also middled it, helping himself to a couple of sixes and nine fours in his worthy 82. What is more he turned out to be something of a hero, having received a blow on his left elbow from a Dean Headley delivery sometime during his in-

He and Karl Krikken supplied backbone to the cause with a 61-run stand for the seventh wicket and it was his shot which which brought up the 300 and a third batting bonus point. Cork left the action early to

go to hospital for an X-ray after livery during the morning session. Thankfully there was oo fracture, just some badly-in-



Paul Pollard, the Whrcestershire npener, edges behind in Nottinghamshire's Chris Read at Trent Bridge yesterday

Flintoff sparks a recovery

bere yesterday would have come as a huge surprise to Lancashire. After Chris Lewis had completed his second successive Championship century, their batting, somewhat out of touch and definitely below strength, found the going predictably tough and the follow-on was avoided only by the efforts of their last-wicket pair.

On a day when they would have given a lot for four or five bours of the unfit Mike Atherton at his most bloody minded. Andy Flintoff who, as batsmen of his type are always likely to do, made his own luck in another innings which illustrated

NOTHING MUCH that happened BY MIKE CAREY at Leicester

> Lancashire 241 that there is no more exciting striker of the ball in England at

the moment. But of those who promised to lend him most support, both Nathan Wood and Mike Watkinson perished in unlucky fashion and the prospect of following on loomed large before Warren Hegg began a survival opera-Lancashire were indebted to tion which was eventually com- rather than Wisden for an ex- rect defence and strokes of withpleted, though not without a few hairy moments, by Richard Green and Michael Smethurst. To see two such immense

impressive action on the same day could almost hill you into believing there is oothing seriously wroog with English cricket. Lewis cuts a formidable figure to world-weary bowlers at No 8. When he reached an inevitablelooking century from 157 balls,

there could have been no more crestfallen figure than Lancashire's Mark Chilton, who had dropped him at 30; this will probably bring a new connotaplanation).

By the time Lewis and Matthew Brimson bad completed a free-wheeling last- was behind him when his

taleots as Lewis and Flintoff in wicket partnership of 123, some of Lancashire's body language, bowling and out cricket suggested they were pretty fed up. Flintoff found himself thrust into the frame at 30 for 2 alongside Wood, who could do little more than hang on tenaciously against the moving ball.

Flintoff, who had flogged Essex for 146 from 66 balls in a one-day game on Sunday, now had a chance to show his character in proper cricket, as they tion to the term "the Chilton say up north. To his credit he. Hundreds". (See Hansard managed a blend between corering power which brought him 11 fours and two sixes.

Wood probably felt the worst

partner, who is not huilt for quick singles, overlooked the important modern principle that it does not pay to besitate over a run wheo you have played the ball firmly to the only Australian present; Mike Kasprowicz's throw from midoff was low and fast, and Paul

Nixon did the rest. Kasprowicz himself found a good one for Flintoff, though if most of the damage was done by Lancashire needed proof it was not their day, it came from the Rice has replaced the Zimbabdismissal of Mike Watkinson. He cut Brimson firmly onto the boot of silly point, whence the ball lobbed to cover where the diving James Whitaker completed a catch which was upheld after the umpires had conferred.

Bowling: G Chapple 2-2-0-1, M P 5methurst 2-1-2-0. Umplres: K J Lyons and A Clarkson.

NORTHAMPTON (Day 2 of 4): Northamptonshire (5 pts) are leading Surrey (6 pts) by 80 runs with 8 second-innings wickets in hand

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE — First limings 248 (Balley 75, Taylor 71, Bicknell 4-48) SURREY — First limings Overnight 72-1

TRENT BRIDGE (Day 2 of 4): Worcestershire (3 pts), with 8 second-lunings wickets remaining, need 198 runs

Nottinghamshire v Worcestersh)re

Northamptonshire v Surrey

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First lunings Contd

Notts exploit Rice's input

By JON CULLEY at Trent Bridge

Nottinghamshire 417 Worcestershire 172 & 54-2

CLIVE RICE warned Nottinghamshire's public not to expect instant results from his quest to revive the county's flagging fortunes but there are already signs that the return of the former captain to the Trent Bridge dressing-room is having a beneficial effect.

Worcestershire, with an injury list to which Stuart Lampitt (broken finger) and (temporarily) Philip Weston were added yesterday, have hardly been a formidable opponent over the first two days here hut Nottinghamshire's performance deserves applause none the less. Having forced Worcestershire to follow on 245 runs behind, they had reinforced their position by the close to the extent that Rice is likely to be celebrating victory in his first home match as coach with a day to spare at the very least. The visitors still need 191 to make the home side bat again.

For Nottinghamshire to top 400 has been a rarity in recent seasons - in any circumstances, let alone when put in on a green top. But more runs yesterday morning, chiefly from Alex Wharf, ensured that this first objective was achieved despite the loss of wicketkeeper Chris Read to the first ball of the day.

Then came the second obective: to exploit a pacy, seaming pitch where Worcestershire had failed miserably. This one was chalked off within 58 overs as the visiting side, deprived of Lampitt after his injury in the field on Wednesday, rolled over

Whart, one of those erstwhile under-achievers to whom Rice's arrival offers a specific challenge, claimed two wickets but Vasbert Drakes, with whom wean spinner Paul Strang as overseas player. His first overs of the Championship season returned figures of 5 for 49-just reward for bowling that was not merely sharp but varied and imaginative.

Rice describes Drakes, the Bajan all-rounder, as the best player not taking part in the World Cup. He could not be picked, under West Indies selection criteria, because he plays his cricket with Border in South Africa, rather than back home in the Busta Cup. Never mind that he finished the most recent South African season with 56 first class wickets - only two short of the domestic record.

Botham's **England** warning

IAN BOTHAM has criticised England's decisioo to allow members of their World Cup squad to play in county matches during the build-up to this summer's tournament.

The former England captain believes the selectors could have made a major mistake in allowing their 15-strong squad to play for their counties immediately after returning from their disappointing Coca Cola Cup display in Sharjah.

Lancashire's all-rounder Ian Austin has already been forced to pull out of his county's current Championship match with Leicestershire due to a thigh strain and Botham fears other players could suffer similar injuries playing the county game.

"Form is difficult to judge at this time of year and I think it's a mistake to see players playing county cricket before the World Cup," Botham said. "It's stupid to risk someone picking up a hamstring strain or something like that.

"I get the impression the boys are all playing county cricket now because they didn't play very well in Sharjah, which 1 don't agree with." Botham feels England should

have sent the squad on an Australian-style bonding session. "I'd have sent them away en

bloc out of the way for five or six days to get to know each other and do a bit of bonding," he said. "The Australians do everything together and it reflects in the way they play."

tisplay talent Cox hits fine 173 in first innings ----

JAMIE COX marked his first .. - 2 202 County Championship innings 12.22 with a brilliant 173 as Somerset 10. 145 took control on the opening day against Yorshire at Taunton yesterday. The new Somerset captain

lost the toss and saw Peter Bowler bowled by the last ball of Chris Silverwood's first over: But that was the low point in Cox's day. He went on to strike 25 fours and a six, batting for just under five and a half hours in leading his side to 362 for 6 at the close. It was a masterly display by the 29-year-old Tasmanian. whose textbook driving was a

Middlesex out of trouble with an unbeaten 76 against Gloucestershire at Bristol Showing great patience and excellent shot selection on a slow pitch, Ramprakash, aided by David Nash, took his side from a troubled 122 for 5 at tea to 196 for 5

in reply to Gloucestershire's 297. Essex kept Warwickshire in the field for most of the day at Chelmsford, but failed to claim a batting point. Their progress was so slow that the innings was in the 106th over when the final wicket fell at 191, leaving the visitors with a useful firstinnings lead of 80. At least Essex, bottom of the Championship last season, did not give their wickets away cheaply and showed plenty of determination.

PPP Healthcare **County Championship** Somerset v Yorksh)re

TAUNTON (Day 1 of 4): Somerset (4 pts) have scored 362 for 6 prickets against Yorkshire (2 pts) Jorkshitze wer, toes SOMERSET — First linnings

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P D Bowler b Silverwood	1	25	247	324
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P C L Holloway Ibw b Sidebortom26		3	100	127
M Burns t McGrath b Hoggard63		7	179	175
I D Kerr c Wood b White12		1	16	12
tR J Turner not out29	0	4	50	68
K A Parsons not out	0	1	26	26
Extras (156 nb9)15				
Total (for 6, 104 overs)				
Fail: 1-6, 2-67, 3-162, 4-300, 5-313, 6-3	51.			
To Bat: M P I Bulbeck, A R Caddick, P 5	Joru	es.		
Bowling: C E W Silverwood 16-5-80-1, R J 58-2, G M Hamilton 19-3-61-0, M J Hoggard	Sid	ebo	mon	19-5
58-2, G M Hamilton 19-3-61-0, M J Hoggard	18-	?-50	-2. C	White

12-5-88-1, M.P. Vaughan 6-0-24-0, A.McGrath 4-1-15-0. Durham v Hampsh)re

RIVERSIDE (Day 2 of 4): Durham (4 pts), with 8 second-innings wickets remaining, need 119 runs to avoid an lunings defeat by Hampshire [8 pts]

Purpshure von 1000 HAMPSHIRE — First laulings Overnight 344-8 (Merchill 105, Aymes 51) Firet innings Contd

J J B Lewis Ibw b McLean.... ... M A Gough Ibw b Renshaw.... I E Morns tow b Renshaw ... 147. **Bowilog:** N A M McLean 12-0-44-1, A C Morris 13-4-33-2, 5 J Renshawi 16-4-43-4, A O Mascarenhas 10-5-8-1, J P 5 J Renshaw 16-4-43-4, A O Mascarenhas Stephenson 5.4-0-20-2. 5 D Udal 3-0-9-0. DURHAM — Second Impings

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Bostilags: N A M McLean 7-2-26-0, S J Renshaw 7-5-9-0, A C Mortis 6-0-21-0, A D Mascarenhas 8-2-10-2, S D Udal 7-1-3-0.
Umptress: N A Mallender and K E Palmer.

Today's fixtures [11.00 unless stated) PPP Healthcare County Championship (day 2 of 4)

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Essex v Warwkksbire CHELMSFORD (Day 2 of 4): Warwickshire (5 pts) are leading Esser (4 pts) by 94 runs with B second-inalogs wickers in hand WARVICKSHIRE - First landings 271 (5mith 69) ESSEX - First Innings Overnight 15-1

Glamorgan v Sussex

CARDIFF (Day 2 of 4): Sussex (5 pts) are leading Giamor gam (4 pts) by 209 runs with 5 second-bankings wickets be band SUSSEX - Pirst limines 222 (Humphnes 57, Jones 5-3) GLAMORGAN — First Innings Overalghe 39-2 First Innings Contd

Gloucestershire v Middlesex BRISTOL (Day 2 of 4): Middleses (4 pts) are trailing Gloveestershire (4 pts) by 101 rows with 5 first-innings wickets in band GLODCESTERSHIRE — First Linkings Overnight 245-7

76, Barnett 51) Firet innings Contd 1R C Russell lbw b Ftaser. 36 0 3 104 123 1 tewis c Langer b Fraser. 17 0 2 55 67 8 M havens not out 18 0 2 50 63 A M Smith b Shoh 14 U 2 39 39 39 Extras (b1 1b13 nb4) 18 7otal (129,5 overs) 267

Kent v Derbyshire *D G Cork c Key b Eatham IK M Krikken low b Headley P Ajdred c Marsh b Eatham K J Dean c Fulton b Headley I M Smith not out Leicestershire v Lancashire

CANTERBURY (Day 2 of 4): Kent (4 pts) are leading Der-byshire (7 pts) by 9 runs with one second-linnings wick-et in hand RENT — First braings 141 (Walker 53, Dean 4-34)
DERBYSHIRE — First limitings Overreight 172-6 (Rollins 71, Stater 65)
First limitings Contd M M Paret C & Dean 9 0 1 16 25
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Estras (85) 5 5
Total [for 9, 59.1 overs) 168
Fatt: 1-1, 2-14, 3-17, 4-31, 5-47, 6-58, 7-118, 8-128, 9-159.
Bowling: D G Cork 9-3-23-2, KJ Dean 13, 1-3-40-3, P AJ Defretas 17-4-6-1, T M Smith 13-4-36-3, P Aldred 7-3-16-0.
Unspires: J W Holder and R Palmer. LEICESTER (Day 2 of 4): Leicestershire (6 pts) are leading Lancashire (5 pts) by 151 runs with 9 second-innings wickets in hand Lincolors and the Lincolors Overnight 337-9 (Maddy 86, Green 4-57, Chapple 4-72)

Pirst Innings Count

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 S. J. E. Brown 29.4-8-69-3, M. M. Betts 25-8-64-1,
 J. Harmison 18-2-83-1, J. Wood 25-5-80-3, M. A. Gough 7-2-3-0,
 P. D. Collingwood 12-2-29-1. feature of a memorable knock. An unbeaten 79 by the opener Toby Peirce guided Sussex into a useful position over Glamorgan at the close of the second day in Cardiff. Sussex bowled out es Barnsley a Glamorgan side depleted by the absence of their injured captain, Matthew Maynard, and at the close they had reached 136 for 5, already 209 runs ahead with five second-innings wickets standing. Mark Ramprakash guided

Riverside: Durham v Hampshire, Chelmsford: Essex v Warwickshire, Cardiff: Glamorgan v Sussex, Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex. Canterbury: Kent v Derbyshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire, Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey. Trent Bridge: Nortinghamshire





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Football Association set to agree contract after nation's favourite declares willingness to accept full-time job as England coach

Wembley won me over - Keegan

WEMBLEY'S DAYS may be BY GLENN MOORE numbered but, if Kevin Keegan's reign proves to be a success, the old Empire Stadium will have performed one last service to English football be- Fulham to the Second Division

influence," admitted Keegan as be reflected yesterday on his dreams. decision to accept the Football Association's offer to be England's full-time, long-term, coach. "Just walking out there against Poland (his first match as caretaker] I felt very at ease and comfortable. I love Wembley, I used to love just being in the commentary box. It's a long way from the pitch up in the gantry and a part of me was always saying: 'I want to be

ing England's 3-1 win that day played on Keegan's mind as he got on with the task of leading fore being dismantled next year championship. When that was "Wembley was a massive achieved last week he felt he was finally free to give in to his

> He added: "If the guy at Fulham, Mr [Mohammed Al] Fayed, had not been so good to me it would have been easier hut my heart tells me to take it and I've got to let that be my judge. It will be full-time though there may be a transition stage while we get Fulham sorted out. That is important to me and I won't rush it.

"Tve had a good look at the job. down there, picking the team'. I've really enjoyed it, it doesn't

can see the pitfalls but I can also long-term Keegan reign, having see a lot of phases and working with the players had been an absolute dream - I hope, really hope, they are pleased about this. I think for their benefit as well, with the two European Championship qualifying games [against Sweden and Bulgaria] coming up in June, it will be good

that we can now get on with it. "My circumstances were difficult and still are but you shouldn't be picky about the England job and there was always the chance that it wouldn't come round again."

The FA will now meet Keegan to hammer out a contract. David Davies, the acting chief executive, will lead negotiations with Geoff Thompson, the acting chairman, who appears to have

stated in a interview in February that such a move "might end in tears rather than trophies".

Keegan is likely to be offered around £750,000 per year, including bonuses, more than double Gienn Hoddle's salary. This is still below several Premiership managers but the England post also brings po-

tentially hucrative spin-offs. Once Keegan has tha Fulham issue settled, and be is likely to remain involved in an advisory capacity which may in-clude transfer dealings, he will be able to give England the time he has realised it needs.

"I'm not a fool," he said, "I don't want to compromise either job and I don't think it is possible to do both the way I am

to "feel better prepared than I have been for Poland and Hungary. I have good people help-ing me but it means I can do a little hit more myself. I would Alan Shearer who welcomed

like to go and see the teams play at least ence, I think an England manager should do that." He will also be able to watch Premiership matches. Arthur Cox and Derek Fazackerley, who were brought into the England set-up by Keegan, are likely to be offered long term contracts while some of the staff he inherited, like Ray Clemence, may have theirs extended. Howard Wilkinson, the FA's di-

rector of football, may continue to have a closer involvement than Hoddle had permitted. This "team" provides some

Being full-time with Eng-iand will enable him, he added, willingly admits he lacks. Re willingly admits he lacks. Reminded of his comment "I'm not your man if you want a nil-nil draw in Ukraine", he simply grinned and said: "Would you accept one-one?"

> the appointment, alluded to this when he said: "He's been no different to when I played under him at Newcastle United. He is a player's manager. He's on their wavelength. There aren't a tremendous amount of tactics, he's proved that down the years. He just says: "Show me what you can do.' The last two games he's done that. You want to play for him because of his attitude, you want to give your all; not just because you are wearing an England shirt, it's because it is him as well."

Shearer, who always claimed England's poor displays in Hoddle's last months did not indicate a failing relationship with the manager added: "The performances we have given under him show what we think

Martin Keown Spoke in similar vein when he said: "I feel so relaxed when I come to play for England now and I always play better when I'm like that "He's the right man for the job, there is no real barrier be-

and that makes you comfort-Keegan certainly seems at ease. He added: "Tm not frightened by the media. I know what's coming if I'm not successful hut I've got a real

chance, that's the key. I don't

en manager and players



want to be a failure. I'm not used toit I just feel we've got so much going for us. I'm not going to start talking about winning World Cups but we have a lot of good kids coming through,

Bracewell in the Fulham frame

WITH KEVIN Keegan's announcement that he wishes to take on the role as England coach on a full-time basis, the time has come for Fulham fans to face up to the prospect of life without their beloved KK. First Division football will be played under a new manager next season, possibly Paul Bracewell, the incumbent player-coach.

Keegan seems determined to let Fulham down gently, still insisting he has a part to play there, but the unlikely love affair that has lasted for more than 18 months looks more and more doomed.

"They [Fulham] know my decision and what is going to happen and they are still saying: Is there any way you can stay at Fulham in some capacity?" Keegan said after Wednesday night's game in Budapest. "It is possible to still do something at just take a position and have a name there if I feel I can't contribute, despite the fact they want to offer me some money for it. I wouldn't take it.

"T've always said my loyalty is to Fulham and Fulham fans and to the players, who are fantastic. I've got to get that right first so I won't rush it. It is a major concern for me. My message to the Fulham fans is simple: I'm determined the club should continue to go upward."

While the club itself reacted

the face of speculation concerning Keegan's successor. the supporters wasted no time expressing indignation at Keegan's decision. On the Fulham Independent website there it would almost certainly be a were one or two sympathetic voices, thanking Keegan for all he had achieved, but the overall impression was that his avowed loyalty to Fulham was beginning to wear thin,

"We're Fulham FC, not Kevin Reegan FC" and "It will be nice to be Fulham again and not Kevin Keegan's Media XT" were a couple of the messages, while others referred to Keegan's "self-importance" and how they feel they have been misled by his deliberations. "There's only one man who is indispensable and that's Mohammad Al Fayed," said an-Fulham hut I promise I won't other, while there was even a suggestion that "Big Mo", as he is affectionately known in SW6, might "do a Ron Noades" and take over as manager himself.

Bracewell though has emerged as the No 1 contender and he seems to be a popular choice with the fans. The former Everton, Newcastle United and Sunderland midfield player impressed the Cottage faithful by taking a pay cut to join them in the first place.

Furthermore if Keegan, who has a five per cent share in the with a staunch stonewalling in club, stays on in his former ca-

pacity of chief operating officer, it will be easier for someone untried in management such as Bracewell to work with Keegan hovering upstairs. A similar arrangement with Ray Wilkins was a conspicuous failure, and stumbling block for Al Fayed should he wish to appoint a more experienced man.

The idea of Bracewell running the show without Keegan will probably not appeal to Al Fayed quite so much, and should Keegan relinquish all interest in the club the chairman will almost certainly want someone with a profile high enough to attract the hest to Craven Cottage, using the £12m Al Fayed has promised for new players this summer as profitably as Keegan has spent the

Of those mentioned in the past Ruud Gullit will still be under consideration, but with Newcastle reaching the FA Cup final and showing distinct signs of life once more it may be harder now to enlice the Dutchman back to the capital.

Other contenders include Leicester City's Martin O'Neill and the former England manager Bobby Robson, who played for and managed Fulham. However, the prospect of causing a nuisance next door to his former employees, Chelsea, not to mention a salary in excess of £1m a

year might yet appeal to Gullit.

Higgins gets run for his money SNOOKER

BY GUY HODGSON

at the Crucible MARK WILLIAMS is nothing if not an ebullient character. "You know why I want to win the world championship," he boomed out during a press conference, "because Ian Doyle said he'll kiss my arse if I do." People are paying penance in

church in the hope photographers are absent. As he said it, the expectation was he would be getting a caning from the defending champion John Higgins, rather than kiss on the cheeks from his manager, but, after the first session of their Embassy World Championship semi-final yes-

terday, Williams was leading 5-3. The bookmakers were quoting odds of 11-2 about the 24year-old Welshman winning his first world litle, but Williams' form this season suggested the

match was going to be light. He is ranked third in the provisional rankings for next year and a measure of his achievements is that his taking of the Irish and Welsh Opens and the Thailand Masters makes him only the fourth player in history after Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry and Higgins to win three ranking events in a season.

The man from Cwm has been talking a promising game too, saying he could not be in a better frame of mind. "I feel good, very good," be said before meeting Higgins. "I can't wait to get at him."

A feature of Higgins' matches at the Crucible has been the rocket-charged start. Crush your opponent early and pieces are too spread to be re-assem-bled and, so far, the cleaners have had to tidy the mess of Gerard Greene (7-1), Mark King (8-0) and Stephen Lee (8-0) after the first sessions.

You can imagine the foreboding, then, when Williams knocked up a 49 only to sit in his chair as Higgins compiled a 72 to take the first frame. However, Williams respond-

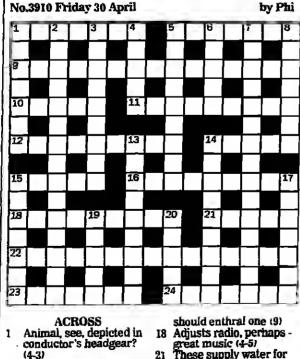
ed by taking the next 64-53 and then added breaks of 104, 101, 66 and 92 to earn his advantage to take into today. Higgins had only one show of defiance, a 126 in the sixth frame. So far the 1998 champion has been able to coast in the second and third sessions: today will be different This is Williams' third ap-

pearance at the Crucible and he announced his artival in 1997 by beating Terry Griffiths 10-9 on the last black before losing to Hendry. Last year he reached the semi-finals only to lose 17-13 to Ken Doherty. But whereas last year he was hoping to win, this time he expects to.

Yesterday his mind appeared to be wholly on the job. The first day was his and he now needs 12 frames to reach his first world final

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Crudble Theatre, Sheffield): Semi-fi-nals: M Williams (Wal) leads J Hoggins (Sco)

THE FRIDAY CROSSWORD



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> Service book is containing suitable opening for minister (7) Evidence that holidaying in Italy can be murder? Uproar about man linked

to obscure scientific discipline (9) Birds will embrace university chap (5) Old friend showing lack of resolution (9) The King and I set shows star (5)

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Comic turns feel envious Which nut arranged the start of this persecution?

Why one must use the stairs to make an ascent? (4,3) Admiration the others showed about chest muscle (7)

Sharp point ripped round top of baversack (5) Accumulated money, except for a penny, as before (5)

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The scene at an almost tropically cry from the hail and snow that greeted the start of cricket's County

Championship season earlier this sunny Trent Bridge yesterday is a far month. Worcestershire ended the day at the Nottingham Test venue strug-gling on 54 for 2 in their second in-

nings after being 172 all out in their first innings. Nottinghamshire scored 417 in their first innings Reports, page 29 David Ashdown

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uring his life, Padre Pio, the Italian monk, was accused by the Catholic

Church of heresy and having sex with female followers. He was even

IT'S 10AM on Sunday and San Giovanni Rotondo is huzzing. The queue for the Padre Pio experience stretches 50 yards from the church door to the back of the main piazza. Many have travelled by coach all night. They clutch packed lunches and pictures of the man they venerate, with his high forehead, hushy grey beard, and intense hlack eyes, his face framed hy the cowl of his brown robe. Each year, around seven million people visit his sanctuary at San Ginvanni Rotondo. Some turn to him for minor requests such as selling the house or finding their son a job. Others seek cures for disabilities and terminal illnesses. All are convinced that Padre Pio can put things right.

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Last Thursday, the parents of a 22-year-old Si-cilian student gave their authorisation for the donation of their son's organs. He was in a coma after a car accident, and doctors said his condition was becoming irreversible. But when the hospital chaplain dangled a lock of Padre Pio's hair in front of the lad's face, relatives say he began to cry. Embarrassed doctors reported signs of improve-ment. Padre Pio fans hailed it as further proof of the miraculous powers of the Franciscan Capuchin monk and staged a candle-lit thanksgiving vigil.

The "miracle" couldn't be more timely. This Sunday, Pope John Paul II will beatify Padre Pio, putting him one step short of full sainthood. Italian television features daily specials on the Capuchin monk and Rome is preparing for an influx of more than a million people for the event.

The drive for the canonisation of Padre Pio began shortly after his death in 1968, but at the time seemed a lost cause. His blend of medieval mysticism and his immense popular following did not endear him to the curia. Two Popes actively disliked him. His old-fashioned grass roots appeal was at odds with the times; the secular world was rocked by the 1968 student uprisings, and the Roman Catholic Church was dealing with the unsettling modernisation of the Second Vatican Council.

"I'll make more noise after I'm dead than when I'm alive," Padre Pio once prophesied. Next weekend's ceremony is expected to attract the biggest crowd ever seen for a beatification ceremony. 150,000 places in St Peter's Square sold out within 48 hours, so they opened up the square of San Giovanni in Laterano, which can hold a further 200,000. But more than a million people are expected to descend on Rome. Civil protection authorities are

on red alert. When he died at the age of 81, Padre Pio was famous for what appeared to be stigmata wounds on his hands, feet and side, like those suffered by Christ. Today, he is as much a cultural icon as Elvis or Che Guevara. Just walk into a deli, take a taxi, or get a haircnt in Italy, and chances are you'll find him glaring down at you. At newsagents you can buy Padre Pio magazines, videos, comic strips and CD-roms. The weekly magazine Gente, similar to Hello!, features him in every issue. Television specials about the Padre always guarantee top ratings. The friar's followers include mafia godmother

BY FRANCES KENNEDY Pupetta Maresca, footballer Beppe Signori, varietyshow presenter Alberto Castagna, and Interior Min-

Critics of Padre Pio are much harder to find now than when he was living. He is just the ticket for a culturally Catholic country that's sold out to consumerism: part mystic, part folk-hero, part Good Samaritan. Anyone expressing perplexity about his supernatural powers, the tacky souvenirs (holograms, snowstorms and phosphorescent stat-uettesi, the astute use of the media by the Capuchin friars, or the huge husiness that's grown up around the monk, are seen as spoilsports. Even Roman Catholic clergy or theologians uncomfortable with the phenomenoo say that the important thing is that people should be drawn to the faith.

ister Rosa Russo Jervolino.

Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, to a peasant family near Naples in 1887, and showed signs of deep religious devotion from an early age. Ordained a priest in 1910, he was sent to San Giovanni Rotondo, then just an impoverished village. He used to "fight with the devil" in his cell at night, and woke his fellow friars with his screams. One day as he sat praying before a crucifix in the choir loft. he had a vision and received the Christ-like stigmata. His wounds, which oozed blood for half a century, baffled the medical experts who examined them. They found no evidence that he had been cut and. more puzzling still, when he died the wounds disappeared, leaving no scars. It was suggested that by focusing intensely on Christ's passion, the monk caused the wounds himself. "Tell them to stare at a cow for a while and see whether they grow horns,"

was Padre Pio's retort. Word of the stigmata spread fast, as did reports of the monk's exceptional charisma, his capacity for hilocation - being in two places at one time - and for emitting a scent of violet and roses perceptible from a long distance. People came to confess to him, plead for his intercession, and ask for his blessing. One of those was a young Polish priest, Karol Wotyla, who asked the Capuchin friar to pray for a friend

who was battling with cancer. Many people reported miraculous recoveries. But while his popularity grew, the church hierarchy was wary; it feared fanaticism as much as a personality cult. The Vatican subjected him to a number of in-

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vestigations. One of the doctors sent by the Vatican to San Giovanni Rotondo did not even meet Padre Pio or examine his hands, but diagnosed him as bysterical. He was hanned from saying Mass in public for 11 years, his correspondence was opened, and he was ordered to cover up his bleeding hands. His superiors were forced to spy on him after anonymous letters alleged he had been sneaking women into his rooms at night. Microphones were hidden in his confessional where he used to hear people's sins for 14 hours at a stretch, and the tapes were then handed on to the Vatican authorities.

has grown up around him, selling everything from miracle cures to snowstorms?

That same confessional is today part of the Padre Pio tour at San Giovanni Rotondo. Inside the friary, where Padre Pio spent most of his life, he is everywhere. In mosaics, lace hangings, watercolours, pho-





Above and main picture: souvenirs in San Giovanni Rotondo: centre: Padre Pio's image in the piazza

tographs, oils and patchworks adorning every

The tour proper begins in the crypt. Despite a wrought iron barrier and signs urging the faithful not to throw things, the tomb is surrounded by bank notes. A guard asks the crowd to keep moving as the devout shuffle past Padre Pio's cell, untouched since his death in 1968. A pair of huge brown sandals to accommodate his swollen feet are displayed in a glass case. Sepia photos of his parents hang

spare inch of wallspace.

above his desk. The bed, armchair, and bedside cabinet are all covered by plexiglass. A nearby display case contains the cup from which he supped his last coffee, a bottle of his cough medicine, and a rusty metal device that monks traditionally beat themselves with. The next stop is the choir loft, where he received his stigmata. Visitors cross themselves earnestly before heading on to the tiny chapel where he was obliged to say Mass alone, every day,

for two years. The visitors are mainly Italians, but there's a large, boisterous family from Philadelphia, an Indian man whose wife finally gave birth to a son after entreaties to Padre Pio, and a Chilean grandmother who says praying to the monk saved her husband

from lung cancer. Sociologists and anthropologists struggle to explain the extent of Padre Pio's fascination, Father Joseph Pius Martin, an Irish American who nursed Padre Pio in his final years, says there are two simple factors. "People today are searching for something religious and in today's secular culture that's not easy to find, Tapping in to Padre Pin, people find the connection to the supernatural that's lacking. The other reason is that they get what they ask, and that's the bottom line."

No task is too big or too small for the famous friar. On the Letters page in the *The Voice of Podre Pio* magazine, a child asks him to stop his mother and grandmother hickering, a man asks for help in giv-ing up smoking, and a woman thanks him for his intercession in curing her son's stutter. There are more than 2000 Padre Pio prayer groups worldwide, and an initial search on the Internet produces 4,000 documents on the frian

This Sunday's beatification is an unspoken act Marcello Mencarini of contrition for the Catholic Church's persecution

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during his life. But how did the man who was once viewed as, at best, idiosyncratic, and at worst, a charlatan, become a saint?

Those dedicated to Padre Pio's cause lobbied in every way possible, and many of those who secretly banned from saying Mass. Yet this Sunday he will be beatified. So how admired him came out of cover as the climate began to swing in his favour. Vatican watchers say Pope Paul VI was more kindly disposed than his predecome he qualifies for sainthood? Could it be the multi-million pound industry that cessors. There was a generational change in the hierarchy, when many of Padre Pio's most bitter enemies passed away. The election of Pope John Paul II was also a key factor. The Polish Pope had met Padre Pio, and respected him. He was also conscious of the immense pull the Capuchin friar exerted and, in an era when church attendance and vocations were plummeting, realised the Vatican couldn't afford to isolate or ignore it. The first clear sign that things were changing was when he came to pray at Padre Pio's tomb in 1987. But to elevate Padre Pio beyond mortality required more than a discreet change of tack by the Vatican; it

needed a miracle. The current Pope, who has created more than a thousand saints, has streamlined the procedure considerably. Only one miracle, instead of four, is now required for beatification. Padre Pio's healing of a 42-year-old woman from Salerno was out forward as an exemplum in the long and rigorous procedure. The woman, who is still alive today, was due for emergency surgery in 1995 after a build-up of lymphatic fluid in her chest. After she prayed to Padre Pio, several litres of fluid disappeared and the operation was not needed. Doctors were unable to explain the occurrence.

Sceptics say Padre Pio's only real miracle is the million-dollar industry that has sprung up around him and San Giovanni Rotondo, which attracted an estimated seven million visitors each year. (The figure is reached by complex calculations involving the number of tour group leaders who sign in, the quantity of communion wafers consumed, and the vehicles registered by the traffic police.) Annual revenues from property bequeathed to Padre Pio, indulgences, merchandising, and the sale of products from two farms, are estimated to generate more than £20m. The new church being built, designed by Renzo Piano, is expected to cost around £12m and will be wholly financed by donations.

In an otherwise depressed area, the 26,000 inhabitants have one of the highest pro capita in-comes in the region. The magnificent hospital called The House of Relief of Suffering, set up by Padre Pio in 1957, employs 3,000 people, and there are jobs to be filled in the old folks home as well as bars, hotels and restaurants. The landscape is dotted with cranes for the construction of a new church with a 60,000 capacity. Current accommodation, which ranges from the three-star Hotel California to a more modest pension run by the Sisters of St Joseph, is insufficient, and another 80 hotels are planned. We'll need them," said one hotelier, "for when he hecomes a saint and we overtake Lourdes as Europe's principal shrine."

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Rather than snipe at the woman who was reawakened to the horror of violence by Miss Dando's death or profess astonishment that untidy-looking people will send £20 bouquets to her home in a taxi, we should perhaps be relieved that we still have this capacity to be moved by personal tragedy.

Christ, the man of sorrows always honoured the sacred space in each human heart that is given to mourning (Matthew 5:4). It seems mean-spirited that people should now argue about the justification for grief, and who does and who doesn't have the right to

There is always the hope that those who knew Jill best, and whose lives will never be the same, will gain comfort from the knowledge that other "ordinary people" want to stand alongside them in their loss. I can't see anything sick or wicked in that. The Rev M GRAHAM BLYTH Danbury, Essex.

Sir: Will Deborah Orr ("Death by television". 28 April) kindly speak for herself when she insists that "we" all mourn Jill Dando even though we did not know her, just as "we" were supposed to do for Diana, Princess of Wales. While obviously concerned at this brutal murder, I am not in the slightest bit personally involved.

As with Diana, an outburst of mawkish gushing, not from the people but from journalists, obscures the real issues. The Princess was driven to her death by someone under the influence of drink and drugs and driving too fast, in a badly signed tunnel not built to the best standards. This scenario is all too typical in France, where three times as many people die on the roads as here. I drive round Paris several times a year and might have hoped that Diana's death would provoke a discussion of these issues. Instead, we get an outburst of cod grief.

In the case of Jill Dando, the villain of the piece is the BBC. Programmes like Crimewotch look at crime in a manner both prurient and sanctimonious. They create the myth that we can all catch criminals and improve society if we are vigilant enough and in so doing sideline the real reasons for rising crime Meanwhile, the likes of Jill Dando are sitting targets. JOSEE EDWARDS London N10

your editorial ("A disturbing trend in our modern society", 28 April) were right to be concerned about the nature of the public outpouring of grief following Jill Dando's death. However, I think it is wrong to suggest that this grief is either purely selfish or recreational

Rather than the cult of celebrity being the main culprit, blame lies with the loss of a sense of community in our society. When a loved one dies, many of us are in the situation where that grief cannot be shared by those around us, because they do not know us or what goes on in our lives. We can no longer expect the support and sympathy which people once received from their neighbours.

Nowadays, though, with the shared knowledge of, or imagined friendship with, public figures such as Jill Dando, or Diana, Princess of Wales, that experience of a shared grief can in some sense be regained.

Our society is all too celebrityobsessed, intrusive and prurient, but I would suggest that of greater concern, and perhaps a contributory factor, is the finding that one in four of us (under 35) has no kind of relationship with our next-door neighbour. MOIRA LANGSTON London W13

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sir: I personally was never able to understand the canonisation of Diana. In the case of Jill Dando, however, Deborah Orr has got it wrong in quite spectacular fashion.

The public has reacted the way it has because of the universal reaction of family, friends and colleagues. Without exception they have said that Jill Dando's private persona was exactly what she projected to the public. Therefore the public did know her, M COLLINS Dover.

NHS shakeup

Sir. You have recently commented on plans to make nurses the filtering system for general local GP", 29 April). There is talk of nurse empowerment, public access, doctor specialisation etc. As a cynical chartered accountant married to a practice nurse at the forefront of the changes I have to point out that the main reason for the changes is not mentioned: nurses are paid at one third of a doctor's rate. STEPHEN ALEXANDER Twickenham, Middlesex

Sir: Jeremy Laurance fails to understand the nature and value of family medicine in Britain. The Government's proposals for walkin clinics and the fast expansion of NHS Direct are questionable responses to patients' needs.

The essential features of United Kingdom general practice are the registered patient list, continuity of care, comprehensive care relating to all age groups and across all disease groups and the unified medical record. International evidence indicates that these are vitally important to the cost-effectiveness of the UK health system and to the quality of health outcomes in this country. Countries that provide primary care services without these essential attributes demonstrate fragmentation of care, more

expensive care, and often poorer health outcomes.

Health care within a statefunded system with limited resources cannot be made available as if it was a consumer benefit equivalent to shopping at the supermarket. An appropriate level of restraint on the part of individuals in relation to selflimiting and non-serious medical symptoms and conditions is vital. A populist and consumerist approach to the provision of health care is likely to lead to inappropriate care, waste of scarce resources and increased health inequalities

On behalf of the Royal College of General Practitioners I have spent a considerable amount of time collaborating with the profession developing primary care systems. It is ironic to find that other countries are increasingly valuing and copying the essential features of our primary care system at a time when our own government, in spite of its rhetoric in support of primary care, proposes untried and unevaluated systems which have the potential to damage and degrade the service.

A more sensible approach

Sir. David Aaronovitch

Tory objections to state

provision of health and

misunderstands the nature of

education ("William Hague is

leading his party into freedom

(from government)", 29 April). It is nothing so highbrow as

seeking to "relieve the burden of

the collective on the individual".

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of levely profits, share dividends

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Party's friends and contributors

It is simply that the private

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Sir. David Lister's piece (28

April) with its picture of the

to line their pockets.

emergency contraception.

would be to provide the additional resources that are clearly available and build on the current NHS and debated the exciting success of our system in a collaborative way with the nursing

and medical pro-Dr PHILIP R EVANS Chairman, International Royal College of General **Practitioners**

Sir. The transformation of the Health Service is welcomed by most GPs. The nurse run 24-hour help line NHS Direct will be a welcome friend to the busy GP.

London SW7

It will provide sensible health information and direct patients to the most appropriate health resource. It will provide an resolution of numerous problems faced by general practice - coordination of out-of-hours service, single point of contact for social and community care, confidential point of contact for access to

On the day that Jeremy Laurence acted as a prophet of doom I attended the launch of the New Health Network. In a complete contrast, health

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opportunities of implementation. The worldoad of GPs had been increasing over the last decade with no comparable increase in the number of GPs. Hence, the difficulty Mr Laurence has in seeing his GP for a routine appointment.

The modernisation of the Health Service will not spell the demise of the GP; it will actually allow him or her to prosper. Primary Care Group Chair Dr Tom Coffey Balham, Tooting & Wandsworth London SW18

Deals with Jakarta

Sir: Dr Peter Carey Getter, 29 April) can rest assured that the Government has the East Timor and Indonesian situation well in hand.

A visit to the Foreign Office website will tell him that the "Key achievements for 1997-98" are that they have "put human rights at the heart of of foreign policy" and, more interestingly, examples of practical progress include

Sir: In 1995 you published an

following qnote: "It would be

a complete waste of money

for anyone to put £100 into

our society simply to take

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DAVID SHAMASH

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a "human rights partnership with Indonesia".

Clearly the partnership egreement did not include the Indonesian army, whose officers have acted like the robber barons of the middle ages. Rape and pillage (not to say torture, murder and atrocities) are in fashion in East Timor and have been for the

last 22 years. Peter Carey is right that a clear, unambiguous message should be sent to Jakarta, but I can bear the Foreign Office even now ... "jobs, jobs, jobs". The same message has been sent to Jakarta for two decades or more under Labour and Tory governments whilst MPs have firmed.

Will this Government live up to its ideals or continue to export the train the pilots who bombed and napalmed the poorly armed defenders of East Timor?

This country has much blood to atone for ROGER WILLOTT Claines, Worcestershire

Brightest spurned

Sir. The report from the Commons Education and Employment Committee notes "the needs of children of high ability are not seen as a priority by teachers and schools" ("Brightest pupils are "betrayed" ", 29 April).

The Government has introduced a performance measurement system into state schools. For primary schools the measure is the percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or above at Key Stage 2 and no additional benefit derives from pupils achieving above level 4.

Hence, the governors of any state school who use state funds on pupils to stretch them above level 4 must be risking a charge of misuse of public funds. GP LOOSEMORE Governor of a "very good" state primary school West Midlands

Gainsborough loss

Sir Andreas Whittam Smith's article endorsing Marlborough College's decision to sell its painting by Thomas Gainsborough is both misguided and damaging (Comment, 26 April).

Mr Whittam Smith justifies his largesse with our cultural heritage by asserting that "Britain possesses a greater treasure of art works than any country in the world, with the possible exception of the United States". While it is true that the National Gallery houses a very fine collection, there are nevertheless significant omissions which become very apparent if we compare the National with the Louvre in Paris or the Prado in Madrid. We simply cannot afford to be complacent.

Christie's estimates that the picture is worth between £3m and firm, and although this is a relatively modest sum by today's: inflated standards it is still beyond the acquisition budget of the Tate Gallery. As the national gallery of British art, the Tate is without doubt the most appropriate home for Gainsborough's wonderful

group portrait. Surely it is right for our national Atutions to display our native had of art in the most and favourable possible. This can only be a through judicious acquiptions of the finest examples of British art, as and when they come up for sale.

It is precisely because we do not enjoy a plethora of fine examples of Gainsborough's work in public collections in this country that the Marlborough Gainsborough should remain in Britain. KEVIN DRISCOLL London WC1

Vote against war

Sir: David Mason (letter, 28 April) complains that there is no party to vote for in the coming elections that has a principled objection to the war in Kosovo.

He is quite wrong. The Green Party, which will be standing in 700 local governmen wards, and which will have full lists of candidates for the European, Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly elections, is completely opposed to the use of force to resolve the Kosovo crisis.

We believe that a peaceful diplomatic, economic and umanitarian solution involving the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe and United Nations peacekeepers and sensitive conflict resolution via independent mediators is the only way to provide a long-term solution that would benefit the ordinary people of the whole region. DAVID WOOD Press Officer North-East of England Green

Newcastle upon Tyne

Sir: If the proponents of the New World Order have their way, democracy will be dead.

The starting of wars on moral grounds and against international law would entitle them to interfere, with the help of good "spin", in any country in the world.

If the UK, as the best ally of the US, cannot even decide which bananas to eat, what is in store for the rest of the world? ZORAN GACESA London N19

As she is writ

Sir. Marius Pope's concern with mispronunciation by broadcasters detter, 26 April) are nuffing when compared wiv the ubiquitous apostrophes located in piurals, as in "video's for hire".

No wonder there is a literacy problem in our school's. JANET MENAGE Stretton on Dunsmore. Warmickshire

Sir: Who is this man so constantly referred to on Radio 4 as the Pry Minister? Is he in charge of MI5, or MI6? PEGGY NUTTALL London SE11

The hidden truth about Dylan Thomas and Iris Murdoch

SOMETIMES I tune in to the art and book shows on radio and TV and being whisked off to Oxford afterbook shows on radio and TV and marvel how people can sound so sure of themselves when reviewing things; how Paulin and Lawson and Greer and Pearson can have such firm opinions at the drop of a hat, and how they sound as if what they are saying really matters; and at moments like this I remember the time I got involved with Iris Mur-

doch on a TV chat show. It was a bookish chat show, presented by Terry Jones, who was an old mate of mine - which probably explains how I came to be on the show. Paul Theroux was on it, too, explaining why the book he had just written was so jolly good, and Dame Iris Murdoch came on to talk about philosophy. I can't remember anything she said. I can only re-member all three of us sitting well. Not long ago I was asked if I ily done, the music business stuff

wards in a taxi, leaving us behind having a drink. At which point one of us said, somewhat shamefacedly, that he didn't actually much like Iris Murdoch's novels. With a surge of relief, the other two of us confessed that we were bored rigid by the Dame's fiction, and had given up reading it years ago. How bravely unconventional we were!

Not brave enough to say it out load on the programme, of course, One doesn't do things like that. And yet the things you say after a programme is over are almost always more interesting than what came out on air. This is especially true of politicians, of course, who never speak their mind or the truth on TV wanted to review a jazz book for Radio 3's A Sound Read, and a couple of other books as well, so I presently found myself reading Vikram Seth's new long novel An Equal Music, and a collection of Haydn studies. The Haydn book was full of classical aporak stuff that flew over my head, but the Seth was quite good fun. It's about a violinist in an English string quartet who loses and finds again the love of his life, a beautiful pianist. Unfortunately, by the time he rediscovers her she is not only married with a child, but is going very deaf, which is not

a great thing for a pianist to do. My fellow reviewer, Nicholas Spice, thought that the love story worked well, but the music stuff was badly done - the other char-



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shocked. We couldn't possibly use that. I'll have to cut it'

was bad, etc. He simply wouldn't agree that the love story and the music were connected properly.

"Why did Vikram Seth's book have to be about musicians at all?" thinking of Spice's accountants, maybe the mistake is to take it all he said, as we drifted out of Broadcasting House. "Why not about, well, chartered accountants? They'd be as affected by deafness as anyone, wouldn't they?" "Maybe worse," I said. "If you

get an accountant saying. 'Oh, was

it 18 million? I thought you said 18 thousand!", you're in real trouble." We laughed, and I thought of adding that I didn't like Iris Murdoch, but it didn't seem relevant: and on the train home I was thinking how long a concert pianist could really conceal deafness. There is a scene in the novel, set

in Vienna where the planist plays with the string quartet, and they sense there is something wrong but they can't put their finger on it... Maybe, I suddenly thought, many different things to different

too seriously. Maybe the way to play a deaf planist is for comedy. Maybe Vikram Seth got it all wrong, and when they make the film, they should play it for laughs...

Maybe I should have thought of that on the programme. All these maybes... Maybe I shouldn't tell you this, but I was also once on a TV book programme where somebody said something wonderful and it was cut out because it wasn't the sort of thing you said on book programmes. Nigel Nicolson was on the show, as was Caitlin Thomas. Caitlin had been waffling away about Dylan Thomas, till Nicolson clearly felt he should try to help focus her reminiscences, and said to her: "Dylan was so

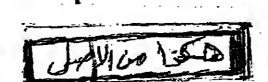
people – poet, lover, friend, artist... How do you remember him?"

She swayed slightly in her chair, said firmly: "Dylan Thomas was..." and then paused. Just when we thought she had forgotten her halffinished sentence, she said: "...an utter shit", and she leant back, satisfied. The timing was perfect. I thought it was - in context - one of the funniest things I'd ever heard. There we were, all we supposedly bookish people, waiting for a bookish response, and what we got was this sublimely bathetic remark.

I said to the director afterwards: "That was a priceless moment you captured on film there."

"Oh," she said, shocked. "We couldn't possibly use that. I'll have to cut it."

More fool her. Well, I'm glad 1 was there to hear it and record it.



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Now Israel needs an old-style leader with a vision of the future

BY THEIR gaffes shall we know them. From Winston Churchill's comparing Labour to the Gestapo, to Gerald Ford's assertion that there were no Russian troops in Poland, mistakes tend to define election campaigns more than pious promises. This week the main opposition party in Israel dropped its clanger. The One Israel Party - the Labour Party there has taken the renaming business a step beyond Blairite modernisation - failed to put Russian subtitles on the television advertisements that opened its campaign. The fuas over this omission underlines the extent to which the Israeli elections on 17 May will not be fought on the issue of peace in the Middle East - the prospects of which they have the power to make or hreak

Instead, the campaign will turn on the tensions between the many ethnic and religious groups that make up the Israeli population - the I million recent Russian immigrants comprise one of the largest groups. For two decades Labour has been hampered by its elitist image as the party of ricb, liberal and secular Jews from Western Europe. Its latest failure to reach out to new arrivals from Russia may suggest to Russian and Middle Eastern Jews that the party has changed its name, not its nature.

This is not a promising start to a campaign upon which much more depends than the sectional interests of one group of Israelis or another. It is no exaggeration to say that the stability of the whole region depends on the outcome. All the parties to a Middle East peace deal face problems of succession, and a strong, well-led Israel is needed - at worst to ensure that the region does not slip back into violence, at best to seize the opportunity for change.

Yet a nation that produced a succession of strong leaders was found wanting when Yitzhak Rabin was murdered four years ago. Shimon Peres, his successor, squandered his inheritance and was replaced by Benjamin Netanyahu, a shallow, right-wing professional politician. What is most depressing about this election campaign is that it is being fought by American consultants with their focus groups, opinion polls and reliance on TV advertisements. None of these is an evil in itself, but when they fill the space that should be filled by leadership the result is likely to be visionless populism. And Israel, more than almost any other nation, needs vision. The Oslo accord in 1993 set a deadline of next week for Israel and the Palestinians to agree on the "final status" of the Palestinian homeland - a deadline that will be missed, but needs to be rescheduled.

The most hopeful outcome would be if Ehud Barak, the old-fashioned politician who leads One Israel, and Yitzhak Mordechai of the new Centre Party, were to do a deal, and subtitles - that it is in their interest to live in peace with their Palestinian neighbours.



Switch off the guilt and turn on your TV

IT IS time to liberate ourselves from one of the most tenacious guilt trips of modern life. A survey reports today that nearly everyone feels guilty about watching television. We know we should be reading Conrad, listening to Mahler, visiting lonely people in hospital, mowing the lawn, playing tennis, hut let's just see whether there's anything on, shall we? From the earliest days, when the picture flickered if they switched on the vacuum cleaner next door, people pretended to watch less television than they did and television sets had doors to disguise them as drinks cabinets.

One reason why we feel more guilty now is that there if Mr Barak were to tell the Israeli people - with Russian is more to watch. When Have I Got News For You featured an old BBC2 test card the other day It was surprising to

Today's survey explodes the myth that poor people watch more rubbish than the better-off. The truth is that everyone watches rubbish sometimes, and that we all turn to the small screen as a comforter when we are fed up. Obviously, more old and unemployed people watch daytime programmes, because they bave the time. But they feel just as guilty about it as anybody else. They shouldn't.

If television were abolished tomorrow, we would be quite capable of devising other mindless ways of occupying our time in an attempt to avoid reading great literature or attending to the needs of our less fortunate neighbours.

Although people talk of being "addicted" to TV, especially to soap operas (which men watch as keenly as women), it is a way of shutting down the cares of everyday life that is much easier to control than alcohol or other chemicals.

Enough of this negativism and snobbery. Let us admit that we watch television because we enjoy it, and that we cannot always be doing something improving and

Give germs a chance

TELEVISION MAY do no harm, but other aspects of modern life are definitely bad for you. Doctors are puzzled by the rise and rise of allergic conditions, such as asthma, eczema and hay fever. It is often assumed that these are caused by new poisons pumped into the environment by our heavily industrialised society. But another theory is put forward in The Lancet tomorrow, which is that it is the very cleanliness of modern lifestyles that is making us ill. The "hygiene hypothesis" is that the lack of infections to fight plays havoc with the human immune system. and causes it to overreact to minor irritations.

All over the world, children in poorer families, who live simpler lives or who live on farms, are less likely to suffer allergies. So throw away the anti-hacterial choppinghoards and cloths. Don't have a bath. Keep a chicken in

Only the man in Hush Puppies can lay the ghost of Thatcherism

THERE IS something magnificent about the way in which, almost a decade after her fall, Margaret Thatcher continues to baunt the psyche of the Conservative Party. The question of whether or not it dares step out of ber shadow is unique, at least in this century. Even the lady herself, despite hreaking with the era of Macmillan and Heath, felt more comfortable with her party's

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recent past than ber successors do.

It is all the more remarkable since. at least in economics, she laid down a set of rules to which every serious modern politician now conforms. Indeed, that is just what lies behind the - for Conservatives - cruel irony that it is a Labour Prime Minister, rather than a Tory leader, who can effortlessly invoke this illustrious ghost for his own purposes.

Mr Blair can, of course, pick and choose the parts be likes: strong national leader international beacon, union-tamer, privatiser of the nationalised industries, while eschewing those he doesn't: tribalist, social divider, laissez-faire individualist. The ease with which he does exactly that serves only to mock the Tories' chronic hang-up with their electorally and ideologically most successful leader this century. This is particularly so since, on the one peacetime issue on which she is most adamant - the euro - Mr Hague is on her side and

Tris Villadoca Mr Blair isn't. So why can't William Hague come to terms with his party's past? Why is so much of his energy devoted to devising a story about its relationship

muster in explaining what modern Toryism really is?

The answer can only lie in the brutal regicide perpetrated more than nine years ago hut still traumatising the party. The minority who were then genuinely and fearlessly confident that it was high time she went, have no difficulty in talking about her now in tones of respect. But, for the majority of the party, it is as if in childhood they had witnessed an unspeakable murder with which they are still either complicit or enraged, depend-

ing on how they voted then. How appropriate, therefore, that Peter Lilley should now be the man being fitted up by the right wing for execution for daring to suggest that dismantling the core public services of education and health may not be the best starting-point from which to rehuild the credibility of a party hrought to its knees on 1 May 1997 by an opposition committed to renewing those very services? For Lilley was always seen as a Judas in the Thatcherites' midst, the one hitherto true disciple who deserted ber in her hour of need by telling her the dumbfounding news that he, too, thought she could not win a second leadership election in November 1990. He may have been on

a hit list for longer than he realises. This isn't to say that psychic trauma is the only reason for the downward spiral into which the Tory party now appears beli-bent on hurling itself. There were two problems with the Lilley lecture, the principal content of which was stoutly defended by William Hague in his speech on esday night, for all the nervous



DONALD **MACINTYRE**

The brutal regicide perpetrated nearly a decade ago is still traumatising the Conservative Party

passages of obeisance to Lady Thatcher. The first was tactical. For this, practically everybody is getting the blame. Some point to the fact that the party's chief of staff, Archie Norman, was absorbed by the merger of his company, Asda, with Kingfisber, and thus absent from the fray.

Others ask, with lethal force, what on earth Sebastian Coe. Mr Hague's chief of staff, has been doing. But whoever is to blame, a big statement of policy was to be made which apparently cut directly across the kind of hints that, say, Ann Widdecombe has been issuing, about an expanding private health sector. It should have been cleared by, or at least discussed with, the Shadow Cabinet first.

It was not smart to bill a speech as breaking with Thatcherism at the time of an anniversary dinner to

mark ber victory in 1979. And finally, wanted and on the day she wanted. while Francis Maude bas been busily distancing himself from Mr Lilley, his own robust reaffirmation of the Tory pledge to match Labour spending on the NHS. however admirable, is tactically problematic. If the Tories are sticking by Labour's spending totals. how do they propose to pay for them other than through the "stealth taxes" which they routinely accuse Mr

Brown of imposing? The second problem, bowever, is more profound. If Mr Lilley's speech was not merely some bogus focus group-driven exercise to lull the elec-torate into a bout of further stateshrinking, then it was as dangerous

- for him - as it was justified, There is a fault-line in politics. On the ooe hand, some believe in NHS rationing and the use of private money to help deliver better public health and education services, with some choice within the public sector. On the other hand are those who believe in encouraging more people to go private.

Miss Widdecombe's sidekick and junior health spokesman, Alan Duncan, almost certainly believes in the latter So. despite energetic protestations to the contrary, did Margaret Thatcher, who was stopped from wholesale tax breaks for private health care in the late Eighties only by the stubbornness of Ken Clarke and Nigel Lawson.

Put another way, it is the fault-line between the Chris Patten-John Major view that the NHS and the education service should be so good that people won't want to go private, and Mrs T's Then, and perhaps not until then, they that she wanted to be able to see the doctor she wanted, at the time she

If Mr Lilley and Mr Hague were putting themselves on the Patten-Major side of that line, Lilley was say-

ing something genuinely important. The problem is that it looks as though most of the Tory party is now on the other side of that line from Mr Lilley. That, and the hugely botched handling of his announcement mean, I suspect, that Mr Hague will now gradually go into retreat.

You don't have to spend much time with right-wing members of the Shadow Cabinet to form the distinct impression that the virtually unsackable Ms Widdecombe, for example, will press on regardless with a "radical" agenda. This may prove rather humiliating for Mr Hague.

Mr Hague may never been more vulnerable. But it would be rash to bet on it. It's worth remembering that not many people want the job of leading the Tories into near-certain defeat at the next general election.

It's possible that the local and European election results will be so bad that the party will turn to the man most likely to lead them out of their quagmire - Ken Clarke. But it may be that the Tories will have to suffer first a general election defeat - and then, even more importantly, one in a euro referendum - before they finally begin to realise that it is the Europhobic element of the Thatcher legacy that is really the medium-term threat to their recovery among an electorate that is deeply pragmatic about Europe. will finally come to terms with the hideous traumas of November 1990.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My heart tells me to take it and that's what I've got to let be my judge."

Kevin Keegan,

accepting the job of England coach

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The older one grows, the more one likes indecency." Virginia Woolf. British novelist

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GUN CONTROL is no panacea. The strictest gun control law on the books can't make narents get more involved with their children, or reach into the angry and alienated heart of a distraught teenager. The reasons for Columbine just as surely lie in the culture of violence that pervades America, and in the moral I rootlessness that seemingly has stamped this age. But in the search for reasons for Columbine, there are things we can begin to

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immediately, such as stopping the flood of weapons into our

communities. Corpus Christi Caller Times

work on such as talking to our SO WE'RE going to waste taxchildren, and others we can do payers' money with some ridiculous lawsuit aimed at gun manufacturers. Why don't they also sue Bic and Zippo for arson jobs in the city each look at the real problems: a corrupt school board; a Third World education system; households without fathers and a liberalized society that doesn't allow children to be punished for their misdeeds. John Williams, Detroit News

year? Perhaps the city should are told they shouldn't spank

GUN BANS don't work. Gun culture has always been with us. It's the other aspects of our culture that have changed over the last 40 years. Parents

their children, or they might be taken away from them. Children are not taught the difference between right and wrong, and when children do wrong, very often there are no consequences that rise to the level of the wrong committed. If one were to "magically" make every gun disappear in the US, the hard fact is that Americans would still kill each other - only

without guns. Benton County Daily Record

PANDORA

DEBBIE BEE is dummying up | PICTURE IT - the Octopus a new-look Nova for IPC to relaunch next year. The magazine was the creative pacemaker on these shores during the Sixties and Seventies, with a high-octan monthly mix of pioneering hot fashion, social crusading and talented stars between its covers. Bee, thought to be in her thirties, is a seasoned fashionista who successfully turned around Scene three years ago, repositioning the troubled music title as a must-read for the glossy edev about making the posse. Her name's absence from the masthead of recent speech and issues had enquiring minds

SCOTLAND'S NEW football strip has got people talking. Did its striking design take Herman German's eye off the ball this week? Enquiring minds have been wondering about the colour, too. Is it orange? Coral? Or Salmond pink?

wondering where she'd gone.

Now we know.

THE CAPITAL'S 21st-century mayor has got to win the party vote. And this week Trevor Phillips pledged to campaign for 24-hour licences for the city's nighteries, saying: "London will be a fun city." Big hat, no cattle, Trev, the lubricious Lord Archer has beaten you out of the blocks here.

Archer's smart Time Zone Devolution Bill - currently date in the Upper Chamber bolsters the argument for extended licensing hours, traditionally a red rag to Archer's true-blue core vote. We have all these visitors to what is the best city in the world, but tell them to go to bed at 11 o'clock," says an Archer aide. So now we know that either an Archer or a Phillips mayorship would liberalise London into a 24/7/365 world city. What do

Pandora predicts we'll know sooner, not later. DAVID LINLEY, farnituremaker, bridled like Lady when he spied a wine glass atop one of his £20,000 tables during a New York store's promotional party. "Whose glass is that?" he asked archly.

Livingstone and

Nortis think?



publishing group is rallying its sales troops in a London hotel. The after-dinner speaker is Joseph Connolly (pictured, below), master of black comedy quondam antiquarian bookseller and possessor of the hairiest head and chin in medialand - his flourishing beard and long, wavy hair suggesting a fabulous hybrid of Cap'n

Birdseye, Karl Marx and Chewbacca from Star Wars. Pre-dinner, Connolly gets

36 visits the gents' to chill. En route, he's spotted through the open door of an adjacent function room, where L'Oréal (the glitzy beauty product corporation represented in telly ads by Jennifer Aniston), is having a

sales powwow of its own. The result? Connolly is pursued into the lavs by a troiks of looks-conscio L'Oréal suits, excitably offering him a "free makeover". Stand by for the atrabilious JC on a screen near you, glaring at the camera and snarling Because I'm worth it..."

IT'S A JUNGLE out there. It must be. Why else would the British Army offer to tutor business people at its Infantry Training Centre near Dering Lines in Wales's Brecon Hills? Pinstripes tired of paintball can ride choppers, tackle assault courses, or be led blindfold across bostile terrain. Weapons aren't available, but mountain bikes may be; courses are individually customised and

priced; they're run by whatever units happen to be available at any particular time". An army mouthpiece contends that "the scenarios develop eadership, delegation, teamwork, imagination and

decision-making under pressure". First to sign up? An eightperson crew from the Discovery Channel, who brought along the profile endurance racer James adventure-loving Storm model Sarah Odell to mitigate the rigours of life in uniform. Is this a new twist on camouflage chic?

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Schadenfreude on a piece of elastic

THE BUNGEE tower has gone. I don't think I noticed it being put up and I didn't notice it being taken down. But it's certainly gone now.

It must have appeared two or three years ago. I was cycling over Chelsea Bridge, thinking about nothing much. There was a crane, just by the power station, poised over the river Like most people who have chosen to think of themselves as Londoners, I have a stronglyatavistic feel for the river My grandmother's grandfather - I think that's right - was drowned in it at 24, fetching corpses out of the river like Gaffer Hexam in Our Mutual Friend, leaving a pink-checked Victorian widow and an infant. So I look at anything delving into the river with a bit of an investigative eye.

What purpose this crane served. however, could not immediately be seen. I stopped and looked. It was much taller than most: the height of a crane devised for major building works. It swivelled aimlessly from land to water, and paused. At the very top there were a couple of workmen, as I thought. One, you could see, opened the cage he was standing in. And then something ap-



PHILIP HENSHER

Grief and pain and terror are things that, in some way, the human frame requires

palling happened. A man leapt out into space, a hundred feet up, or more. I looked, interested, and not yet shocked. After him, a thick line of black trailed. There was a shout from the blue sky, and the little figure twanged at the end of the black elastic rope. He bounced, three or four times in the air, as they lowered him. It was nothing much, after all. Since then, it's become unreyears, the spectacle of some quivering berk flinging himself into space has been an ordinary one. You hardly stopped, after a month or two, to listen to the brave cry as someone acquired bravery by launching his trussed-up limbs into the air. It was only the sudden absence of the crane, in the end, which made me pause. I miss it, to be honest; I hope it's coming back.

Schodenfreude is a highad mot-ive in the human character: the desire to see other people fail, and be reassured that disaster has missed you and hit some other victim. There's another emotion, just as potent, which I don't think has a name in German or English. It's that odd, rather satisfying feeling you have when you look at somebody doing something utterly stupid, and feel relieved that you yourself would never do anything so daff. Sometimes, you almost admire the idiocy. Sometimes you may be pleased that there are people in the world prepared to do such a thing. But your feeling is one of gratitude that it isn't you, and isn't going to be you.

because it fulfilled some vicarious desire to bungee jump myself. It was just interesting, and utterly without direct temptation. Our lives now are safe, on the whole. We are not going to be killed, or die prematurely of a disease; we probably won't, anyway. We are probably not going to have a great deal of grief from the premature deaths of those around us: our infants are not very likely to die in their first days; our sons are probably not going to meet their deaths on the battlefield. Of course, these

things may happen to some of us, but not as they happened, routinely, to our grandparents. But grief and pain and terror are things that, in some way, the human frame requires. If the world won't supply them, we go and find them. So we weep for the death of a television presenter we knew nothing about, or the beautiful ex-wife of the heir to the throne, hardly caring that our theatrical grief diminishes the grief of those entitled to feel it, and hardly seeing that it corrupts the grief which we, at some point, will

feel for someone we really know. We

markable. In the last couple of Chelsea Bridge and enjoyed watch- are not likely to feel the terror of a ing the pointless spectacle; and not rush towards the guns, so we go to great lengths to construct a safer version of that terror, leaping from cranes with rubber ropes around our ankles. Do you suppose veterans of the Somme took to bungeejumping in their middle age to entertain themselves?

All the same, it's quite cheering that there are people in the world happy to do these daft things. Thomas Beecham said you should do everything once except incest and tolk-dancing, and it would be rather sad if even folk-dancing disappeared. I feel much the same about bungee jumping, Christianity, the American novel and north London. Thank God, I think, I don't have to get involved in any of these things, but it's best all round, really, if there happen to be people who don't mind pursuing activities

which, viewed rationally, are utterly pointless or even ridiculous. I used to think something like this whenever I went over Chelsea Bridge and saw some twit throw elfinto an ecstatic measure of safety. And now it's gone, I feel a hit sad. I wish I knew why.

Is there a magic formula for peace in the Balkans?

For two years I went over

ON SUNDAY Vuk Draskovic, Yugo slavia's Deputy Prime Minister, came perilously close to urging his government to concede defeat. The economy was heing ruined, he warned, and the country stood isolated. It was therefore time to look seriously at ideas for a United Nstions presence in Kosovo. On Wednesday he was sacked, President Milosevic was sending a clear signal; weeks of bombardment have not changed his position.

And yet Russia's special envoy. Viktor Chernomyrdin, sounded gen-uinely hopeful after he met Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General. and set off yesterday for a tour of European capitals with a new peace plan. Is his optimism justified?

It is probably the case that Milosevic is well aware that he has to cut a deal with Nato at some point, and that if he leaves it too long he could get badly caught out either by popular discontent as life in Yugoslavia becomes progressively more misthat could take Kosovo from him without anything in return. But he also knows that neither of these is very likely until well into June, especially in the light of the evident reluctance at the Nato summit to press ahead with the ground force option. The longer he waits, the more chance he has of doubters eating away at Alliance solidarity, and the better the eventual deal.

Viktor Chernomyrdin is as likely as anybody to hroker a deal, but far too much emphasis is being put on Moscow's role at the moment. Russia is the closest Yugoslavia has to an ally. There should be no underestimating the depth of its hostility to Nato's actions (rather than enthusiasm for Serbia). But Russia brings few resources to the conflict. Milosevic may be hoping for more help with fuel supplies, but Moscow vic has never been one to show deep



LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

The issue remains constant - either the refugees go home in security, or they don't

has no real leverage over Belgrade. It provides no military help, while its attempts to orchestrate diplomatic support have ended in embarrassment, with votes in the Security Council on a motion to condemn against) and in the Committee on Human Rights, where only Russia opposed a motion condemning Serb actions in Kosovo, with 44 votes against and six abstentions.

Nato is paying court to the Russians at the moment because it is alarmed at the sharp deterioration in relations and wishes to reassure them that their views matter. But they do not matter to the point that Nato will compromise on its basic aims, or will stop the bombing campaign to "give diplomacy a chance". The concessions that have been discussed essentially involve providing Milosevic with the face-saving device of a Security Council resolution that may not even mention Nato and will allow for non-Nato forces to be part of the post-settlement protection force. But Miloserespect for security resolutions in the past (he has seen off more than 100 during this decade). In addition, Nato forces will have

to be at the core of a "UN presence". After all that they have been through the refugees are unlikely to venture home without anything less. Cherpomyrdin's ideas to keep out Nato's most prominent members make no practical sense. Their forces are already in Macedonia ready to go in. Other forces, such as those of Greece, let alone Russia, would take time to assemble.

So whatever the wrapping, the basic package remains the same. Russia has no magic formula to make this acceptable to Milosevic. Once he allows a Nato force and the right of return to all refugees, he has lost. What then of partition? This is the standard compromise in ethnic disputes and would allow Russia to claim that neither Nato nor Belgrade was victorious. Serbs and Albanians will no longer live together, so give mem both their own en herent territory. It is widely assumed that this is the deal that Milosevic intends to offer when the time is ripe. He has, however, shown no interest in it up to now and apparently dismissed the idea when it was proposed by the Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov. On reflection it is not hard to see why.

On the basis of the pre-war demographic balance, the Serbs would be entitled to less than 10 per cent of the territory, which clearly would be of little interest to Belgrade. The most logical division from Belgrade's point of view would take in the top half of the country, including the sites of historic importance to the Serbs, the lead and zinc mines of the Trepca region, and the cities of Pristina, Mitrovica and Pec.

Even then it would be extraordinarily risky for the Serbs to allow the



Kofi Annan is welcomed to the Kremlin by Boris Yeltsin AP

territory extending into the beart of will insist that all refugees can come of their control. The KLA would never accept any settlement along these lines, and would soon be launching attacks against Serb-held well turn back to Croatia, which declared independence in the summer of 1991. The Yugoslav army joined with local Serbs in a ruthless offensive (which first introduced the idea of "ethnic cleansing"). In the end Croatia got its independence recognised internationally but had to accept partition, a "Republic of Serb Krajina", within its borders, its status apparently guaranteed by UN peacekeeping forces. Croatia rebuilt its forces and in the summer of 1995 retook Krajina, with this time some 200,000 Serbs forced to flee.

Milosevic's proposals will con-centrate on the political front. He can promise dialogue with the Albanians and even autonomy close to Rambouillet lines, but he does so with some three-quarters of the popula tion uprooted, and about half of

the country from Albania to be out home, just so long, of course, as they can prove their Yugoslav nationality - somewhat difficult when passports, identity papers and car number plates have been seized and reported as envisaging a manageable post-war Albanian population of 600,000 (from a pre-war 1,800,000). At these levels unarmed monitors and Nato troops are redundant.

Milosevic never stops calculating. Looking at what is happening to his country he may recognise that in the end, with such powerful forces ranged against him, his terrible project for Kosovo cannot succeed Alternatively, he may be toppled from power. So long as he remains in place it is important to recognise that there is no easy compromise or clever formula that can extract either Belgrade or Nato from the confrontation. The issue remains constant: either the refugees go home in security, or they do not.

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Why the physicists clubbed a chicken A FEW years ago, I had 24 hours a day non-stop for a

large column of formaldehyde, problem for the species. a splendid human brain, comcord and all the spinal feeds to the rest of the body trailing down. It suddenly occurred to me that this was the complete human being, the complete system. We can use only a small part of it. Do we really understand it? No. My ambition as a human

being is threefold. I would like to be eclectic, holistic and omnipotent. The third one is always a bit of a problem, but I would really like to understand everything. I would like to influence everything and I would like to be a positive force. It's becoming increasingly difficult. and the only way I can see of doing it is somehow to join forces with technology.

The amount of information now being created is phenomenal. It's like lying underneath a waterfall. The half-life of information in my industry is now about six months. It has become quite astonishing. If you were to read research biggest, at Los Alamos, has 2.1 at what machinery is doing, as so in a way that mirrors the reports on neurology alone for terabytes, about five times opposed to what evolved carbon life form that it is

a rather haunting ex- year, after one year you'd be perience. I was in a only two years out of date.
museum and saw, in a This is becoming a stunning

I spend 15 days a year lookplete with the eyes, the spinal ing for something to read. For an hour every Sunday morning I go through the Sunday newspapers desperately trying to find something to read. One in four Sundays I find something. This is incredibly expensive. When I was 20 years old, 15 days a year was no big deal, but now I'm coming up to 53, 15 days a year is a big percentage of what I've got left.

I really would like to fix this problem. I would like the technology to bring the stuff to me, but I don't want technology that is cold and sterile. I want technology that is serendipity, something of the quality of someone coming into your office and saying: "Seen this?"

The library at my laboratory used to occupy a huge room full of shelves of books. It was ripped out nearly five years ago and replaced by what has turned out to be the world's second-biggest digital library, with 400 gigabytes. The



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PETER COCHRANE From a speech by the head of research at BT to the Royal Society for the Arts, Manufactures & Commerce

more than ours. The digital library has transformed the way we work. It's become an essential part of our lives. What we do now, we can't do on paper. The work output has gone up about tenfold in the space of 10 years.

Some very interesting things are starting to happen in the way engineers and scientists are now trying to look

software than human beings It's starting to happen a little earlier than we thought. My laptop has much more

processing power than an ant, so why isn't it more powerful? For one thing, it suffers sensory deprivation on a scale that is hard to understand or comprebend, so no wonder it's dumb. We have a bunch of people around this planet creating little machines that have an interesting mix of brainpower and sensory capability. One of the most remarkable

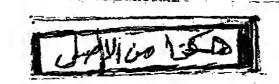
I have seen is a tiny, six-legged robot with only three transistors - like three crude neurones - that can walk. As an how you get something with just three transistors to walk The clever thing is that it's got a lot of sensors, and It's the sensory feedback that creates the intelligence.

a computer. No one programmed it to swim; it evolved the ability to move in its viscous world and, remarkably, it does

machines will be writing better think in terms of electronic agents swimming through a network of fibres, able to search and find and hring information to you.

Mathematics is no more than a visualisation tool. It takes you about 20 years to get good at it, so that when somebody throws a formula at you, you can visualise what is happening. For thousands of years philosophers sat round a table with a chicken in the middle of it trying to figure out how a chicken worked. They didn't make a lot of progress. The guys who did the smart thing were the physicists. They clubbed the chicken to death and took it to pieces. That way engineer, I couldn't conceive of you get a first inkling of how it works. The guys that really worry me are the software engineers; they just want to specify a chicken.

We may not be able to create a butterfly yet. We may never A virtual shark has been ' be able to do everything that created that can swim inside Mother Nature can, but there are things that we can do. Complementary technologies help us to win in a sea of activity that is becoming very difficult, very fast and very complex.



The acceptable face of racism



DEBORAH ORR

Asylum-seekers are the people who will raise our taxes, hijack our homes and steal our jobs

A FEW weeks ago they were people. People whose right to live in freedom and without fear of intimidation and violence was a right we had gone to war to uphold.

A couple of days ago they were refugees, flushed out of their own country by a vengeful dictator into chaotic camps, the objects of our pity, the recipients of our charity.

Today they are asylum-seekers, scroungers, liabilities, another hurden on Britain's welfare state. Today they are the people who will raise our taxes, hijack our homes steal our johs.

Their children, whose first lang-uage is not English, will attend our schools and hog the attention of teachers, who will then neglect the education of our own children. They will be a disruptive influence on our society more generally, too, for they do not know our ways.

They are already causing trouble. unhappy that some of their number are being accommodated in a botel that is close to Leicester's 3,000strong Serbian community, And this is the shape of things to come. These people will cling together and gbetto-ise themselves, making the long-term residents in the areas they colonise feel as if the country they have lived in all their lives is not their own any more.

They will tell us that they do not want to be bere; that they have been driven out; that their homes have been burnt, their hreadwinners killed and their possessions destroved. That although they want to return to Kosovo, that is impossible for them, for in their own country they will live in fear, unable to escape the nightmares of the past which continue to torture them.

And while we will know this to be true, we will believe that there are sible to be both a political exile and an economic migrant, and that the motivations of all asylum-seekers are larded with self-interest and opportunism. For while the victims "ethnic cleansing" must be defended and refugees cared for, asylum-seekers are simply not to be trusted: asylum-seekers are a threat to our nation, a threat which, before the war came along, our Government was cracking down on.

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Under the proposed Asylum and



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Romanian asylum seekers at Joyce Green Hospital near Dartford, Kent

Home Office before the Kosovo conflict began, asylum-seekers will no longer be able to come to this country and sign on for social security and other benefits while their applications are being processed. Instead, they will be provided with hostel accommodation and food vouchers. To care for their children, they will receive an additional 50 pence each day.

Lucky them. At least 15 Kosovar refugees seeking asylum in Britain over the last month have been placed in detention centres. One refugee, 18-year-old Tinaj Luan, who was detained at Heathrow airport while on his way to Canada. was sentenced to three months in a young offenders' institution for passport and obt services by deception. And while there is no doubt in my

mind that the British Government is sincere in its assertion that it has become involved in this conflict for humanitarian reasons, it is not true that there is no direct benefit for Britain in containing Milosevic.

Over the last 15 months, between seven and eight thousand Kosovar refugees have made their way to Britain under their own steam. These people were not of-Immigration Bill, drawn up by the fered asylum. Instead they were

given temporary admission, hostel accommodation and food vouchers. It is a bitter irony that the decision to become involved in the defence of Kosovars has escalated this problem so spectacularly. For this humanitarian effort has highlighted the lack of humanity with which we treat the dispossessed. And while one lesson we ought

to learn from this is that in our future efforts to police the planet we must be ready to spend as much money and lavish as much thought on bumanitarian efforts as we do on weaponry, there are other lessons to be learnt as well. For this is also an opportunity for us to examine our attitudes, and to think about the possibility that this Governmentresentment asylum-seekers is nothing more than the latest nasty mulation of Britain's deep-rooted racism.

Further, we must ask whether our fear of "economic migrants" is simply the consequence of the colonialism-hy-other-means that Western capitalist states such as ours call the "free market" or the "global economy". For while hatred of asylum-seekers is the new racism, adoration of the free market is the new colonialism. While it may seem that, in the wake of the

Lawrence Inquiry, Britain has undergone an orgy of soul-searcbing over the question of racism in our society, this is untrue. Instead, we went through the motions. We were not honest eoough to examine the issue with the courage that was necessary:

The single news story that exemplifies our dishonesty was the one that broke in the middle of the post-Lawrence chest-beating, trumpeting Field-Marshal Montgomery as a racist for his views of Africa after the Second World War, as if this were unusual for a man such as him in the time that he lived. Of course it wasn't, Just 25 years ago, Britain sat around on nigger-brown couches watching Love Thy Neighour and dreading the prothe darkies moving in like bulldozers and razing the streets.

Even now, the most benign among us curse the "Pakis" for charging us more for a pint of milk at midnight than the supermarket multinational does. And we don't even accept that calling Asian small shopkeepers "Pakis" is racist. That's what they call themselves now, we say, conveniently forgetting that this is the kind of "assimilation" that may stave off a stabbing, or at least defuse the word's power as a

wounding racial epithet when it's flung across the till.

Then, we feign perplexity that people can nail-bomb black or Asian mmunities, or set young hlack men on fire. We pretend to wonder where these kind of sick attitudes could possibly have been fostered when we know they have been fostered all about us. While we've reluctantly come to accept that there is such a thing as a black Briton, who can't be packed off bome again, we still don't like It. Which is why our racism has found a new target, the asylum-seeker, who can be packed off bome before his family become black Britons too. All our navel-gazing about "institutionalised racism" generated button lint. The proposed Asylum

and Immigration Bill stands testament to the fact that institutionalised racism is alive and well and thriving in the heart of government. And it's a vote-catcher, as well. That's the real measure of how anti-racist this nation has become. And while the fears that fuel this

racism are indeed economic ones, that's only because the "free market" is a form of institutionalised and globalised racism. too. For the real reason why we don't want economic

RIGHT OF REPLY

CLAIRE FOX

The publisher of 'LM' magazine responds to a call by Ken Livingstone to outlaw Fascist organisations

SHOULD WE let Fascists have free speech?" asks Ken Livingstone. Yes! Making speech free saya nothing about the value of the words or ideas expressed.

What is at stake here is not freedom for crackpot racists but freedom for everyone in society. When Ken Livingstone asks whose civil liherties we protect hy allowing free speech for groups such as Comhat 18 and the British National Party, he implies it is those of the speakers. However, it is about protecting the rights of listeners.

As long as we are all free to judge for ourselves the importance of what's being said, then words should never be banned. It should be the right of the electorate to hear all the candidates and make up their own minds as to the validity of their case, I don't want Livingstone deciding whose opin-ions I get to hear. If I don't like these ideas I can challenge or rebut them, or treat them with indifference if they deserve it. I want to be the judge of that, not some holier-thanthou polifician.

But something more dangerous lurks beneath this call for bans; a barely disguised contempt for people. Mr Livingstone appears to assume that words and their consequeoces are the same thing. The next BNP political broadcast, be alleges, will lead to "thugs" going "out on to the streets" to "give a good kick-ing to the first black man they find". Does he think that the BNP's words are all it will take to turn us all into racist thugs?

In fact, words have consequences only if we choose to give them consequences. It is not the words themselves whether in a broadcast or a Combat 18 magazine - that

Unlike Ken, I believe that any free buman being, with a mind of his own, has the ability to judge between right and wrong. The only thing that responds mindlessly to the command "kill" is an attack dog. People are not animals; and it is precisely a belief in free speech which indicates that society believes humans are capable of more than the instinctive reactions of beasts.

The paradox of the patriarch

WE ALL know what a Victorian father was like. But I had one. Dictatorial and distant, be was a bit of an anachronism in a north-London suburb in the Sixties. I had to call him "Papa" (a word that still makes me go cold with dread) and when I married against his will 11 years ago, he cut me off without a penny. I haven't seen him since, and all efforts to get in touch with him have been rebuffed.

So I have often been surprised, when reading 19th-century sources, to discover just how loving and indulgent Victorian papas could be. The powerful stereotype is clearly as erroneous as it is persistent. "For most of the 19th century." John Tosh declares in the introduction to this amhitious and thought-provoking book, "home was widely beld to be a man's place, not only in the sense of being his possession or fiefdom, hut also as the place where his deepest needs were met." In an age that congratulated itself on economic and social advances, "the men credited with these achievements were expected to be dutiful husbands and attentive fathers". The early Victorians were so keen

FRIDAY BOOK A MAN'S PLACE: MASCULINITY

AND THE MIDDLE-CLASS HOME IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND BY JOHN TOSH, YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS, £19.99

they destroyed the thing they loved. Making women, as wives and mothers, so pivotal in the home, led to a steady decline in the importance of men. Their role was to go out to earn the money to pay for everything. While boys were raised to he providers. girls were taught only domestic skills. Consequently, their sexuality and intellect were suppressed to the point of crippling ignorance.

Gradually, the joys of bourgeois home life turned into the "tyranny of five o'clock tea" as stupid women with no conversation or interest in sex "played mother" over hone-china teapots. By the end of Victoria's reign. there were increasing numbers of middle-class men who either chose not to marry, or delayed marriage, while

FRIDAY POEM

AY NICK DRAKE

The railways feed their tracks into King's Cross.

one to cut, the other to fashion

the packets, exchanged by mouth:

that deep kiss, a moment of husiness;

ber parting face like ice-cream in winter.

Fluorescent lemons and foil in the all-night stores,

From Nick Drake's first collection.

'The Man in the White Suit' (Bloodaxe, £6.95)

"homosexual practice was almost on home-making. Tosh argues, that

certainly on the increase".

Professor Tosh's thesis is compelling, mainly because the book is such a gloriously voveuristic read. His principal source is the intimate correspondence of seven middle-class men, unlucky enough to have had their private letters deposited in public libraries. It is hard to imagine what Joshua Pritchard, a Manchester exciseman, Edward Herford, a Manchester attorney, Cornelius Stovin, a Lincolnshire farmer, Isaac Holden, a Bradford mill-owner, John Heaton, a Leeds doctor, Daniel Meinertzhagen. a London banker, and Edward Benson, priest and teacher, would say if they knew the use to which their letters have been put. Nor am I convinced that seven case studies, alheit with snippets extracted from a medley of literature, constitutes a valid study. It is

interesting, though. "Edward [Benson] was 30 when he married in 1859, soon after taking up his appointment as headmaster of the newly founded Wellington College. Mary was 18 ... As a man troubled by a strong lihido, he saw her innocence as his best means of resisting temptation of thought or deed ... The wedding night was a disaster." Only later. "after more than 10 years of marriage did Mary begin to discover her sensual side... leading eventually to a full leshian relationship."

Later, we are told that Bonson's "legendary capacity for work" the rose to become Archhishop of Canterbury: was in part a displacement for his frustrated libido. Il is a curious



WP Frith's 'Many Happy Returns of the Day' (1845) is misinterpreted

sensation, tooking at the photographs of the demure Mary and her dignified husband in the light of this information one not unlike reading intimate revelations in Hello! magazine.

Tosh disarmingly admits that the evidence is contradictory. Typical of his method is his use of WP Frith's famous painting Many Happy Returns of the Day in the chapter on fathering. "The father," he observes, "is the only one at table not engressed in the family celehration, suggesting a semi-detached presence. The dislant father exemplifies the amhivalence with which so many men viewed their paternal role."

Yet Tosh's quick glance at the picture, followed by his swift, sweeping conclusion, does not stand up to even the most casual inspection. The father is only leaning back from the jollifications at table in order to listen politely to the old grandfather pontificating on something in the newspaper He is in fact sitting between two of his

sons as they lark around with the sherry decanter, having indulgently accepted a glass and sent a daughter over to the old man with another. The only one not joining in the celebration is, in fact. the garlanded birthday child, who looks overwhelmed. This painting is used on the cover, where the old man who is distracting the father is significantly cut away by being wrapped around the edge of the book. Meanwhile, the figure of the "semidetached" father is extracted and blown up on the back, thus aptly enacting the kind of cut-and-paste distortion Tosh delights in.

Clearly, Tosh's primary intention is to he provocative, and in this he succeeds. A Man's Place is fun to read, hut might have been more worthwhile had Tosh confined himself to presenting seven case studies whose very contradictions would have been allowed to speak for themselves. CHARLOTTE CORY

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racist's dream. That's what "econ-

omic migrants" are fleeing from.

And that's why anyone who claims

that the free market is benign is

racist through and through.

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Sir William McCrea

WILLIAM McCREA, doyen of British astronomy, was held in respect and affection by all generations.

He was born in Dublin, the eldest child of a schoolmaster. His parents were strict members of the Plymouth Brethren, hut by the age of 18 he had become a confirmed Anglican, a faith he retained all his life. By 1907 the family had moved to Chesterfield, Derbyshire, where Bill attended first the Central (elementary) School and then the Grammar School, from which he won an entrance scholarship in Mathematics to Trinity College, Cambridge. He read for the Mathematics

Tripos, becoming a Wrangler in 1926. He specialised in those branches of mathematical physics which were stimulating exciting research at Cambridge, and after graduating he began research as one of the many pupils of R.H. Fowler (to whom he paid warm tribute on his 1989 centenary).

Although initially he worked on basic problems in quantum physics and relativity, and also on related problems in pure mathematics, Mc-Crea's interest gradually focused on the application of theoretical physics to the astronomical universe, rang-ing from the constitution of stellar atmospheres, through the formation of planets and stars, to cosmology, the study of the universe as a whole. Recognition came early with a Cambridge University Rayleigh Prize, a Trinity College Rouse Ball Senior Studentship, a Sheepshanks Exhibition and an Isaac Newton Studentship.

After spending the year 1928/99 as visitor at Göttingen University in Germany, McCrea began his rapid rise up the regular academic ladder as Lecturer in the Edinburgh Department of Mathematics, headed by Edmund Whittaker, followed by four years as Reader at Imperial College, London. In 1936 he moved to Queen's University, Belfast, as Professor of Mathematics.

In 1943 he was given leave from Belfast while doing Operational Research in the Admiralty in the team led by Patrick M.S. Blackett. After VE day in 1945, with the rank of Temporary Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, be had the task of Interviewing German naval offi-cers in Schleswig-Holstein. He in fact did not return to Belfast, as in 1944 he had been appointed Professor at Royal Holloway College, London, taking up the appointment at the



With the enthusiastic support of the Astronomer Royal, McCrea and Roger Tayler jointly put Sussex on the world astronomy map

McCrea remained at Holloway until 1966, when he took up his last annointment as SRC-supported (Science Research Council) Research **Professor of Theoretical Astronomy** at the recently established Sussex University. Shortly after the war, he had urged the setting-up of a national institute of theoretical astronomy. The subsequent, rather tortuous, negotiations led to the establishment of the Institute of Theoretical Astronomy in Cambridge (now united with the Cambridge Observatories to form the Institute of Astronomy), and a smaller Astronomy Centre in Sussex, with McCrea as the first research professor and the late Roger Tayler as the first UGC-funded (University Grants Committee) professor. With the enthusiastic support of the Astronomer Royal, Sir Richard Woolley, and the other

senior staff at the Royal Greenwich

Observatory, McCrea and Tayler

jointly put Sussex on the world astronomy map.

McCrea was a versatile astrophysicist. Many of his papers have Physics of the Sun and Stors (1950). had a permanent effect on the way subsequent workers have formudiscussion. He was an early advocate of the now-accepted view that stars should have a high hydrogen content. He pioneered study of the for-mation in dusty interstellar clouds of the hydrogen molecule, a crucial cooling agent, and of other mole-cules, and gave an elegant treatment of the way such clouds, when externally compressed, can reach densities high enough for gravitational collapse to ensue, leading possibly to break-up into stars.

His other contributions to cosmical gas dynamics included a pro-posal for turbulent support of the solar chromosphere, and detailed studies of the gravitational accretion of interstellar gas by already formed stars; though, like many of his gen-eration, he was slow to appreciate the importance of electromagnetic processes in astronomy.

Concerning relativity theory, he vigorously rebutted misunderstandings of the so-called "twin paradox" that persisted in reap-pearing in the literature. He also pointed out that the cosmical constant that appears in Einstein's modified version of general relativity can be interpreted as the energy density of the vacuum. Together with Edward A. Milne

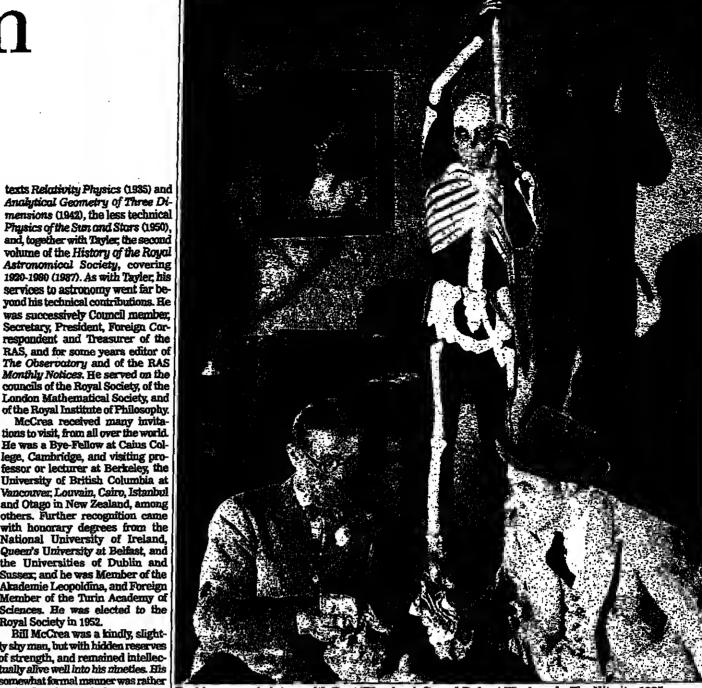
be showed that the various cosmological models emerging from Einstein's theory have simply understood Newtonian analogues. When evolutionary cosmology ap-peared to face observational difficulties, he showed a commendable flexibility of mind (a quality not always visible in members of the scientific establishment) in his taking seriously the alternative steadystate theory, proposed by Hermann Bondi, Thomas Gold and Fred Hoyle, and in fact showed how the model could be treated within the mathematical framework of general relativity; but be later accepted that, at least in its original form, the theory could no longer hold up against the accumulating evidence from optical and radio observations. In his later years, he expressed scepticism about the feasibility of the whole cosmological enterprise.

and, together with Tayler, the second volume of the History of the Royal lated the various problems under Astronomical Society, covering 1920-1980 (1987). As with Tayler, his services to astronomy went far beyond his technical contributions. He was successively Council member, Secretary, President, Foreign Correspondent and Treasurer of the RAS, and for some years editor of The Observatory and of the RAS Monthly Notices. He served on the councils of the Royal Society, of the London Mathematical Society, and of the Royal Institute of Philosophy. McCrea received many invitations to visit, from all over the world.

He was a Bye-Fellow at Caius College, Cambridge, and visiting pro-fessor or lecturer at Berkeley, the University of British Columbia at Vancouver Louvain, Cairo, Istanbul and Otago in New Zealand, among others. Further recognition came with honorary degrees from the National University of Ireland, Queen's University at Belfast, and the Universities of Dublin and Sussex, and he was Member of the Akademie Leopoldina, and Foreign Member of the Turin Academy of Sciences. He was elected to the Royal Society in 1952.

Bill McCrea was a kindly, slightly shy man, but with hidden reserves of strength, and remained intellectually alive well into his nineties. His somewhat formal manner was rather misleading; he was in fact a gregarious figure, especially committed to the RAS and RS dining clubs.

William Hunter McCrea, mathematician and astrophysicist; born Dublin 13 December 1904; Lecturer in Mathematics, Edinburgh University 1930-32; Reader in Mathematics, London University, and Assistant Professor, Imperial College of Science 1932-36, Professor of Mathematics, Queen's University, Belfast 1936-44; Professor of Mathematics, Royal Holloway College, London University 1944-66; FRS 1952; President, Royal Astronomical Society 1961-63; Research Professor of Theoretical ried 1933 Marian Webster (died In addition to his many papers 1995; one son, two daughters); died and reviews, McCrea wrote the Lewes, East Sussex 25 April 1999.



Perkins, as a skeleton, with Bert Wheeler, left, and Robert Woolsey, in The Nitwits, 1935

Gil Perkins

GIL PERKINS was the stuniman's stuntman. Other people, some even before him, had perpetrated fantastic physical exploits, others had acheved the harder task of simulating them. Now, when digital imaging threatens to make the whole business obsolete, it is worth commemorating one man whose aim was to take the risk out of danger, to make it a science, not a chancy game. ·

Perkins was born in Queensland Astronomy, Sussex University in 1907, and, although most of his long 1966-72 (Emeritus); Kt 1985; mar-life was spent in California, he never caught the accent; he passed for English, but his intonation, rather than accent, remained Australian, He went from school to Malvern Technical School, where his father hoped he would become an engineer. But he had always wanted to act, starting with children's parts in pantomime.

At the age of 18, he signed on as a deck-hand on a Norwegian freighter and spent four months wandering round the Pacific. In After leaving Shell Fellowes | 1927 he arrived in California with a friend who started a garage busi-Churches and the Centre for Policy | the movies. It was not easy to get in,

I was 20 and well set-up. I'd been a champion athlete in Australia and a trackman. I was also a very determined young man. I would go around to studios and talk to easting directors. If I couldn't get any satisfaction from them, I'd go around to the back of Paramount and jump over the barbed wire.

In 1928 he got his first part, in The

Divine Lady, directed by Frank Lloyd, and the following year he was Sergeant Cox in Journey's End. But it was also in 1929 that his real career took off, when he doubled for Rod La Rocque in The Delightful Roque for RKO. He made a good match for Bill Boyd in all the Hopalong Cassidy films, and at various be much missed bowling through the times did duty for Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Randolph Scott, Kirk Douglas, Red Skelton often ("With a red hairolece on, I looked quite a bit like Red - in his hairpiece"), lowes, diplomat and businessman: Danny Kaye and Gene Hackman. He born Calgary, Canada 8 July was in King Kong (1933), Captains 1912; married 1935 Olwen Stuart-Courageous (1937) and, with Errol Courageous (1937) and, with Errol Flynn, in the famous The Adventures of Robin Hood (1988): "No pies in that two stepdaughters); died Chipping one," he recalled, custard pies being Campden, Gloucestershire 15 a staple of the stuntman's lot. He was also in Mrs Miniver (1942), Bonnie

and Clyde (1967) and Walking Tall (1973), but he was rarely out of a job until well on into his seventies.

In the early days there was no education for being a stuntman. It all had to be done by trial and error error that could be fatal if you were not lucky, and, more than lucky, careful. Perkins believed in care: he had learned to ride as a child, and I learned how to fall and tumble at school on the football field. We used to dive out of the willow trees, 20, 30, 40 feet and even higher, into the river. I learned bow to control my body as a diver.

This sense of the limits to which the body could be stretched was his a grand scale, rehearsing and laying guide in what he did and, later, asked others to do: "If you're not 99.44 per cent sure you can do it successfully without hurting yourself, don't do it."

Two standard stunt nightmares were motorcycles and aeroplanes. Of the first, he felt "you have too much power floating between your legs to control". He very nearly lost his life this way in one of his earliest films. He had a sequence involving a lightning descent down a dirt trail, skidding through the hairpin hends. Careful as always, he did it three times before the scene was shot, but, when it was, he hit a soft patch on the edge of a bend and fell 30 feet to the bend below with the bike on top of him: Turned out the director had seen me practising and thought it looked too easy, so be had the screen-hands soften

up the earth. He could have killed me -I could have killed him. As to planes, there was too much that was unpredictable. I remember his describing how you jumped from one plane to another (was he the first to do that stant of stants?); it involved a fine wire joining the two, invisible to the camera, but, "This type of thing is too damn risky." In point of fact, his nearest disasters all came in train sequences, jumping from car to car Fights were another matter

We don't do them on the scale we used to. Two of the greatest fights I ever saw, and I was in both of them, were in Dodge City in 1938 and Seven Sinners a year or two later at Universal. On both occaor two sater at Universal. On both occa-sions, we ture the place apart. And we did a pretty good job in *The Great Race* at Warner's with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. We completely destroyed a saloon. Only the roof remained, with a post to hold it up.

The structures we destroyed were made of real wood except, where you had contact, it was balsa wood, And the glass was plastic. It used to be made of candy, but candy under the lights would

Perkins was an expert swordsman, too, early learning that all moves had to he exaggerated: "If you do what fencers actually do, the viewer would

never see anything."
From Whistling in the Dark
(1941), his first film with Red Skelton, he worked as a stunt co-ordinator. Planning the action ap-pealed to his professionalism, and in later life he sometimes tackled it on out a beach landing in a war movie with 500 marines and 500 Japanese almost all of whom got killed - "I showed them what I wanted, like how to fall off cliffs with machine guns. He admired directors who worked the same way, like Hitchcock and Stevens, who would "prepare a picture, shoot it, and then sit in on the cutting". He was largely responsible for setting up in 1961 the Stuntmen's Association of Motion Pictures, as a "fraternal association within the industry", not as a trade union, but as a way for the older and experienced to pass their knowledge on, so that the younger members could be protected from unnecessary risks. All this and more would come out

over Sunday hunches at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club. He thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing about his long life, which he did without a trace of boasting or self-aggrandisement. He thought the technicalities of his job were fascinating and, the way he told them, they were. He was, in this as everything else, quite unselfconscious. "At my age," and he was quite old then, "when somebody asks my daughter; What does your father do? she has to say, 'He falls on his head, of course.' Doesn't sound very dignified." But be was, naturally, and it made him a great man as well as a great stuntman.

NICOLAS BARKER

Gilbert Vincent Perkins, stuntman: born Melbourne, Victoria 24 August 1907; married 1939 Lucille Benzecry (died 1992; one daughter); died Woodland Hills, California 28

Peregrine Fellowes

PEREGRINE FELLOWES'S first job, after graduating from University College London as a civil engineer, was supervising bridge construction in the Sudan. Thus began a long relationship with Africa.

In the Second World War from 1939 to 1942, he was involved in the Ethiopian campaign, including a secret mission to re-instate the Emperor Haile Selassie. He was responsible for the mobile Propaganda Unit, a printing press carried by two camels. Persuasive leaflets to Italians were pushed over barbed wire with bayonets. In 1943, he had his first bout of TB and spent a year in a clinic in ternational. The knowledge he ac-Africa. His intrepid wife, Olwen, who had spent some of the war in South America, arrived to rescue him.

After the war, Fellowes was re- Arab and Israeli. cruited as a diplomat and became a friend and colleague of Kim Philby.
He served in the Foreign Office policy, as he demonstrated in his News Department under the legendary Sir William Ridsdale. He gained a reputation for being exfremely well-informed and unusually outspoken for a diplomat. In 1948 he was posted to Cairo with Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, Having worked unwittingly with all three spies, and finding Burgess hilariously funny, he was then horrified by their treachery. He always assumed

that he must have been investigated as a possible "fourth man".

Another bout of TB finished his career in the Foreign Office and in the mid-1950s he joined Shell. In 1960 he returned to Africa as head of Shell in Nigeria. In that era of Nigerian independence, he and his wife made many friends and were dismayed by the subsequent civil war. In the 1960s, African friends would visit their house in East Sussex, and be baffied by such appurtenances as the Gun Room.

Back in London, Fellowes was appointed Controller of Government and Trade Relations for Shell Inquired on his travels for Shell in the Middle East he used later in his work for peace. He held two passports, He was one of the first to grasp

pamphlet "The Energy Equation", written for the Conservative Political Centre during the energy crisis of 1973 after the oil-producing Arab countries had upped their oil prices. His father had been killed in the

First World War when Peregrine was three. The subsequent eight years with his widowed mother gave him a lasting respect for women. In 1923 his mother remarried, to Arthur



Fellowes: 'fourth man'? Byrne, brother of a later Abbot of

Ampleforth. The young Peregrine converted to Catholicism and was educated at

Ampleforth. When he married Olwen Stuart-Jones in 1935, she took Catholic instruction. An independentminded woman, Olwen had difficulty with the idea of Hell. A compromise was reached. If she could agree to Hell, said the Catholic bishop, she did not need to believe that there was anyone in it.

worked for the Ford Foundation, Chatham House, the Council of ness, but he always had his eye on Studies. He also produced The New | even then, as he remembered: Middle East, a magazine designed to promote understanding between Arabs and Israelis. When Olwen died in 1980 of cancer, be was unable to look after himself. Luckily in 1982 he married Lady Maureen Dormer, Although domestically unskilled, she shared his love of music and social life - "they would cross England for a sandwich" said his stepdaughter.

Two nights before he died, Peregrine Fellowes went to Evening Mass in Chipping Campden, his marital home. He appeared to sleep throughout but afterwards buttonholed the priest, to protest at the sloppy translation of the Gospel. He will town in his electric chair.

ELISA SEGRAVE

Peregrine Edward Launcelot Fel-Jones (died 1980; four sons), 1982 Lady Maureen Dormer (née Noel;

Hubert W. David

HUBERT W DAVID was amongst the sic Company and selling sheet music youngest composers to write a million- from song shops on the Blackpool selling song, for he was barely 20 when "Felix Kept on Walking" found

David would enter the music business, for he had total encouragement from his father, Worton David, a cofounder in 1914 of the Performing Right Society and famous for his music-hall songs "Hello, Hello, Who's Your Lady Friend?" and

"Hold Your Hand Out Naughty Boy". David began his long career in writing and publishing at the age of 16, joining the Lawrence Wright Mu-

Pleasure Beach. He soon turned his hand to songwriting, and achieved its place on the hit parade of the day.

It was inevitable that "Micky" early modest success with "Robinson Crusoe Blues", "In the Eyes of the World" and "Oh Star of Eve".

He eventually returned to London, where he and his father began thair own publishing company, specialising in novelty songs. A chance meeting with a director of J. Lyons & Co led to a contract to promote the personal waitress service at Lyons Corner Houses. Thus was born the name "Nippy" for the waitresses and "The Nippy Song" to go with them. blitzed out of his London office, he

music adviser to the Twickenham Film Studios, which at the time were churning out second feature "B" movies as fast as they could make them. He served a successful two years there before the lure of Tin Pan Alley saw him back in London, working initially for the Peter Maurice Music Company and then for Chappell's. A few years later he opened his own orchestral service supplying music scores and band parts for the many orchestras under the control of the J. Lyons Organisation. During the Second World War,

David's next venture was as ran his business from home whilst working alternate days and nights with the Civil Defence in Westminster as a rescue-truck driver before joining the Royal Army Service Corps. Upon demob, by now without his orchestral business, it was back to Tin Pan Alley, this time with the Keith Prowse Music Company.

He began writing songs again. "A Rose in a Garden of Weeds", recorded by Donald Peers, was his next hit, closely followed by "The Ring Your Mother Wore", recorded by Matt Monro. He also wrote as a freelance journalist for Odhams Press, con-

Melodu Maker, Woman and the Sunday People. This led to the request for a column in the Mecca Organi-sation house magazine Donce News, which later became a commercial

magazine with David as sub-editor. Around the same time BBC television, with the assistance of Eric Morley of Mecca, began a programme called Come Dancing. Naturally the show required a signature tune and Hubert W. David was asked to provide one. Joe Loss recorded

it and another success was born. In 1989 "Micky" David was awarded the Gold Badge of the British tributing three weekly articles, for Academy of Composers & Song-

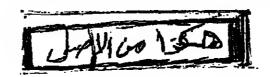
writers for his loval services to British Popular Music. He was well known in his later years for his continuous work for the Performing Right Society Members' Fund. For over 35 years he served as Councilloc Chairman, Finance Chairman and Trustee. He was still in harness as an Honorary Consultant at the end.

ELIZABETH MOORE AND BRIAN WILLEY

Hubert Worton David, composer: born Wortley, West Yorkshire 19 May 1904; married 1928 Di Rees (died 1993); died Esher, Surrey 22



David: 'The Nippy Song'





HOWARD GOODMAN'S work as Chief Architect, 1971-78, and later Director of Health Building, of the Department of Health, brought real benefit to the lives of millions of patients treated in NHS hospitals. The path of his career was liberally posted with milestone events in the development of health building in Britain. His career began in 1944 when, at the

age of 16. be was articled to a small architectural practice in the West of England. Joining the NHS in Bristol in 1947, in its very early days and before any notion existed of large-scale national hospital-building programmes, Goodman worked throughout the region on a range of relatively small jobs aimed at improving or patching up the disparate NHS estate.

This grounding stood him in good stead in the 1950s when he took his talents to a succession of leading private practices (Watkins, Gray, 1954, Howard and Fairbairn, 1956, and Powell and Moyn, 1958). These settings brought the opportunity of working on large hospital projects, such as Wythenshawe and Wexham Park.

In 1960 Goodman joined the newly formed Hospital Design Unit at the then Ministry of Health, under the Chief Architect William Tatton Brown. The unit was a key resource as central government and the NHS sought to give reality to Enoch Powell's vision of a modern hospital estate, set out in The Hospital Plan (1961). Work on a number of proiects and studies was carried out, but in 1962 Goodman was asked to lead the team which was to give a new direction to hospital building in the UK, and which had great influence world-wide. The idea was radical and involved the pursuit of new forms of flexibility in hospital design, leading to buildings which were low-rise yet compact, with engineering services contained within their own "floors between floors", Delivery of the idea followed and a 770-bed bospital was built on a heavily restricted site at Greenwich.

The demands of a national hospitalbuilding programme were many. Economy of planning effort and economy of running costs were but two of these, which led Goodman and his colleagues to build on the experience of Greenwich and embark on ambitious and highly imaginative programmes of standardised planning and design. The Best-Buy hospitals ("Two for the price of one") were followed by the innovative, but in the final analysis too expensive, Harness programme. A further hard press on the economy pedal from the Treasury brought the response of Nucleus hospitals, which were widely adopted in a variety of forms.



He claimed to be the only Grade 3 civil servant to have received personal 'bollockinas' from three separate Permanent Secretaries

Goodman's work at the Health Department was not restricted to the high profile of the acute hospital. He led work developing new building forms for the delivery of what were often "Cinderella" services, such as those for the meotally ill, where he maintained the strongest of personal commitments. Throughout his central government career he gave inspirational leadership, which was reflected io extraordinary levels of loyalty from his staff.

His appointment to the senior post of Chief Architect in 1971 brought both recognition and responsibility. It also showed the contrasts which existed in Goodman - the senior civil servant, but someone who was often impatient with the requirements of the systems and controls of central government. He could not be always delicate in his responses to perceived obstacles and so he inevitably crossed swords with his seniors in the Department of Health, But he took any reproofs in good part and used every opportunity of making clear bis proud claim to being the only Grade 3 civil servant to have received personal and formal "bollockings" (his own words) from three separate Permanent Secretaries.



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The efforts of the department to bring Goodman and his lieutenants under full control were usually returned with interest added. One newly promoted civil servant sent from the Elephant 10 Goodman's base in Euston Tower with this brief, reading the correspondence page of the Architects' Journal one day. saw with considerable dismay a letter from Goodman asking why the Secretary of State was forever "slagging off" his own department's architects. It was only further study of the letter that told him that Goodman had taken the precaution of having his son sign the letter, and that an unwelcome confrontation

could therefore be avoided. Retirement from the department in 1988 led to no let-up in Goodman's activities - they just got wider. He became a partner in MPA Health Strategy and Planning, a Labour Councillor in Relgate, and a much-valued member of East Surrey Community Health Council. His voluntary work in support of mental bealth groups continued throughout all this.

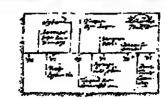
Until his final illness became apparent a year ago, his appetite for work remained unabated and his breadth of

vision remained. Still the man of contrast could be seen. Who else could spend the morning developing and promoting a plan for a new countrywide pattern of acute bospitals, then take the Tube to Newham in the afternoon and work on plans for a one-stop shop for Community Health and Social Services?

Howard Goodman had clear principles and stayed true to them. He had a strong preference for incorporating good company into his pattern of work and bis many friends will miss him.

JOHN GARLICK

Robert Howard Goodman, prchitect: born 29 March 1928; Assistant Architect. South West Regional Hospital Board 1949-54; architect in private practice 1954-60; Main Grade Architect, Ministry of Health (later Department of Health) 1960-61, Senior Grade Architect 1961-63, Principal Architect 1963-66, Assistant Chief Architect 1966-71, Chief Architect 1971-78, Director of Development 1978-85, Director of Health Building 1986-88; Partner, MPA Health Planners 1988-99; twice married (two sons); died Caterham, Surrey 22 April 1999.



HISTORICAL NOTES

ROY SHERWOOD

Oliver Cromwell, king without a crown

SUNDAY 25 April 1999 marked the 400th anniversary of the birth of arguably one of the most misunderstood figures in British bistory,

Oliver Cromwell, Reinforced no doubt by Victorian dramatic representations of events from his life, the popular stereotypical image of Cromwell as Lord Protector from 1653 to 1658 is that of the po-faced military dictator clattering austerely about the ex-royal palaces in dull apparel, riding boots, replete with spurs, and even the odd piece of armour. This in spite of the fact that as Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell not only functioned as a king but also dressed, acted and lived very much in the style of a king, even though he was bead of state of what was

nominally a republic. Cromwell and the Cromwellian regime knew that the power, wealth and influence of a nation were, at that time, projected by the clothes a ruler wore, the magnificence of his court, and the symbolism of ceremonial.

Shortly after his investiture as Lord Protector in December 1653 Cromwell was entertained by the City of London, as had been the custom following a monarch's coronation. For this public symbolic acceptance of his regime the Protector rode through the streets of the capital resplendently attired in a rich riding coat embroldered with gold lace on a horse equally as re-

splendently adorned with rich trappings.

Likewise, Cromwell opened Parliament with all the ritual and pageantry of a king, travelling to the ceremony in a magnificent state coacb accompanied by liveried footmen and yeomen of the guard. This regal splendour was mirrored in his court. It was, according to the Venetian ambassador, the most awe-inspiring and prestigious court in the world, where pomp had reached such a pitch that the ambassador expressed anxiety at

the cost of maintaining a

presence there.

Court life very much resembled life at previous royal courts. This is no more exemplified than by the marriages of Cromwell's two youngest daughters, Mary and Frances. Both married into the nobility and the celebrations lasted several days. There was even a revival, in shadowy form, of the royal court masque in the entertainment written for Mary Cromwell's wedding by the poet Andrew Marvell, At Frances's wedding the father of the bride wore a shirt of fine linen trimmed with a laced neckband and cuffs, a costly doublet and breeches

garters to match. The settings for Cromwell's jewel of a court were the ex-royal palaces of White-

"of the Spanish fashion"

made of uncut grey velvet, a pair of silk stockings with

shoestrings and gold-laced

hall and Hampton Court. Both were re-equipped and refurnished to provide an environment which corresponded to the Protector's exalted status.

Royal ritual, pomp and ceremony reached a high point at Cromwell's second investiture in June 1657. Having refused Parliament's offer of the crown he never-. theless agreed to occupy the office of king but with his existing title of Lord Protector. His second investiture was therefore a king-making ceremony - a coronation without the crown. Vested with royal robes and girded with a kingly sword, be was enthroned in the Coronation Chair, holding a solid gold sceptre as a symbol of his sovereign power. Little wonder some of his contemporaries now referred to Cromwell as "pro-tector royal". Cromwell's protectorship royal did not, bowever, constitute a return to traditional monarchical rule for his was a new model monarchy with the Protector owing his title to Parliament.

There bave been many misconceptions of Cromwell as Lord Protector His contemporaries, however, would have well understood the regal Oliver, the protector royal, so far removed from the later dour stereotypical image of popular myth.

Roy Sherwood is the nuthor of 'Oliver Cromwell: king in all but name 1653-1658'

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den, 53; Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, 90; Dr Gerald Aylmer, historian, 73; Mrs Janey Buchan, former MEP 73: Mrs Barbara Calvert QC. a Recorder of the Crown Court, 73: Mr Frederick Chiluba. President of Zambia, 56; Miss Jill Clayburgh, actress, 55; Miss Clare Curtis-Thomas MP, 41; Sir Robin David, for mer circuit judge, 77; Mr Dickie Davies, sports commentator, 66; Lord Diamond, former leader of the SDP in the House of Lords, 92; The Rev Paul Park College, Oxford, 52; Mr Lestie Grantham, actor, 53; Mr William Henry, former chairman. Coats Paton. 84; Mr Alfred Lomas, MEP, 71; Lord McIntosh of Haringey, 66; Mr Keith Povey, HM Inspector of Constabulary, S6; Lord Sander-son of Bowden, former Chairman, Scottish Conservative Party, 66; Professor Graham Upton, Vice-Chancellor Oxford Brookes University, 55.

ANNIVERSARIES Births: Casimir III, King of

Poland, 1310; Jacques-Louis

David, painter, 1748; Sir John Lubbock, first Baron Avebury, banker, writer and entomolo 1834: Joachim von Ribbentrop. politician, 1893. Deaths: Eustache Le Sueur, painter, 1655; Edouard Manet, Impressionist painter, 1883; Alfred Edward Housman, poet and scholar, 1936; Beatrice (Potter) Webb, writer, 1943; Adolf Hitler, dictator committed suicide 1945; Eva Braun, mistress of Adolf Hitler, committed suicide 1945; George Balanchine, choreographer, 1983; Muddy Waters Mckinley Morganfields, rhythm and blues singer, 1983. On this day: under an Edict issued by Galerius Valerius Maximianus, Christians were legally recognised by the Roman Empire, 311: General George Washing ton was inaugurated as first US President, 1789: Louisiana became the eighth of the United States, 1812; the World Fair opened in St Louis, Missouri 1904; the New York World's Fair opened, 1939; the first London performance of the musical My Fair Lady was staged, 1958; the Brighton Belle train made its last journey, 1972; four of Presi-dent Richard Nixon's top aides resigned over Watergate charges, 1973; the South Viet namese government surren-dered unconditionally to the Vietcong, 1975. Today is the

Feast Day of St Eutropius of Saintes, St Forannan, St Gual-fardus or Wolfhard, Saints Marianus, James and Others, St Maximus of Ephesus and St Pius V, pope.

LECTURES National Gallery: Mari Griffith,

Reading tivi: Catena. Soint

Jerome in his Study', Ipm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Moira Thunder, "Continental Portrait Miniature", 2pm. Tate Gallery: Peter Bower, "The Manufacture, Selection and Use of Turner's Papers: 1829-1851 . Ipot. British Museum: Oliver Roberts, "Greek Red-figure Vase Painting in South Italy", Anglia Polytechnic University. Centre for Regional Studies, Cambridge: John Sutton. "Ironsides in the Making: the early career of Oliver

DINNERS

Defence and Security Forum Lady Olga Maitland, President of Defence and Security Forum presided at a dinner yesterday evening at the Garrick Club, London WC2. Mr Nick Prest.

chairman, Alvis plc, was the guest speaker. Col Philip Howes, DSF Chairman, also spoke.

EDNA LUMB ARTISTIC TRUST

The annual Edna Lumb Travel Prize for art students, spoo sored by the Edna Lumb Artistic Trust, was presented yesterday at Leeds Metropolitan University. Awards were made to Mr Robert Vale and jointly to Miss Priscilla Hamsberry and Miss Katie Macdonald.

SYNAGOGUE **SERVICES**

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in Lon-don at 8.07pm.

United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989. Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2203. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-288 2573, New London Syn-agogue (Masorii): 0171-328 1026.

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Federation of Loodon Youth Clubs, visits the Bernard Sunley Outdoor Educational and Activity Centre, Hindleap Warren. East Sussex. The Duke of York, Honorary Air Commodore, attends a Dinner Night at RAF Lossiemouth, Grampian.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Housebold Cavalry Mounted Regimeot mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Gnards, 11am; 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Grenadier Guards.

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Mar-riages, Deaths, Memorial services, Wedding anniversaries, in memori-am), telephone 0171-293 2017 or fax to 0171-293 2010; notices are charged at £5.50 a line (VAT extra). OTHER Gazette announcements lootices, functions. Forthcoming marriages, marriages, which must be submitted to writing, are charged at \$10 a line, VAT extra. Please include a daytime telephone number.

Landowner liable for nuisance of licensee

THERE WAS no rule of law which prevented the owner occupier of land from being beld liable for the tort of nuisance by reason of the activities of his licensees which took place off his land.

The Court of Appeal allowed the appellants' appeal against the decision that their claim in nuisance against the defen-dant council should be struck out as disclosing no reasonable cause of action.

From about October 1991 ravellers occupied a strip of land owned by the defendant council, which had originally been acquired by the Ministry of Transport for the purpose of road-widening which had never been carried out. In June 1994 the council successfully applied for the travellers to be evicted.

The plaintiffs were tenant farmers with land on either side of the road. They commenced proceedings against the council in August 1993 claiming an injunction and damages, alleging that the travellers had caused a considerable nuisance on their land.

When the action came on for trial in June 1998 the council, relying on the decision in Hussain v Lancashire County Council (1999) 77 P&CR 89, submitted that the claim should be struck out as disclosing no cause of action. The judge upheld that submission on the basis that the plaintiffs could only complain in nuisance of acts which had occurred on the council's land and caused damage oo the plaintiffs' land.

The plaintiffs appealed, contending that there was no rule of law to the effect that there could not be an actionable nuisance when the

MY HISTORY master, David

Jones, once read nut the

overdue library books,

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nomic Fallacies: "The whole

FRIDAY LAW REPORT

30 APRIL 1999

Lippiatt and another v South Gloucestershire Council (as successor authority to Avon County Council)

Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Mummery and Sir Christopher Staughton) 31 March 1999

plaintiff had been injured in his use or enjoyment of his own land by the activities of third persons which had taken place on that land and off the defendant's land. Barry Payton and Philip Nor

man (Moger & Sparrow, Bath) for the plaintiffs: W.D.R. Spens 1South Gloucestershire Council) for the council.

Lord Justice Evans said that the sole issue raised by the appeal was whether the facts as alleged in the statement of claim could amount to a nuisance as a matter of law.

There was no rule of law which prevented the owner occupier of land from being held liable for the tort of nuisance by reason of the activities of his licensees which took place off his land. The principle, as stated by Lord Goff in Hunter v Canary Wharf [1997] AC 655, was that as a general rule some form of "entanation" from the defendant's land was required. On analysis, what had "emextreme. Keeping fierce dogs and allowing them to roam would be a nuisance; taking them on to a neighbour's land and releasing them would not. In Hussain the defendant was beld not liable in its capacity as local bousing authority for an alleged nuisance created by its tenants on a local housing estate. The court held that the acts complained of "did not involve the tenant's use of this land and therefore fell outside the scooe

anated" in the present case was

the travellers themselves. That

form of emanation was not

difficult to accept. If it were

somehow excluded from the de-

finition of a nuisance, then any

number of examples would

come to mind where the dis-

tinction would be artificial in the

The facts alleged in Hussain were materially different from those in the present case. The disturbance complained of in Hussain was a public nuisance for which the individual perpetrators could be held liable. and they were identified as individuals who lived in council property. Their conduct was not bowever in any sense linked to, nor did it emanate from, their bomes.

of the tort".

In the present case the allegation was that the travellers had been allowed to congregate on the council's land and that they had used it as a base for the unlawful activities of which the plaintiffs, as neighbours, complained. It was at least arguable that that could give rise to liability in nuisance, and, accordingly, the claim should not bave been struck out.

> KATE O'HANLON, Barrister

THE 23RD Richmond Rapidplay, organised by Richmond Junior Chess Club, took place on Sunday 18 April with 95 players in four sections.

The Open was stronger than usual, with a grandmaster and six international masters among the 27 entrants. While GM Aaron Summerscale was bombing out on just 4/6, it was left to the six IMs to fight it out. Andrew Ledger took the event by the scruff of the neck, winning his first five games including consecutive defeats of fellow IMs Alex Cherniaev (Russia), Saevar Bjarnarson (Iceland) and Richard Bates before a quick draw in the last round with Gavin Wall to romp home on 5.5/6. He was followed by Bjarnarson 5 and Gavin Wall and IM Simon Williams 4.5.

In the small Major - 14 players - Andrew Bigg was first on 5/6; David Bates made 5/6 in the Intermediate and Trevor Pettit and Ivan Sayer shared first place in the Minor on 5/6.

The next Richmond Rapidplay will be on 6 June (Richard James, 0181-898 0362/1190, or rjcc@globalnet.co.uki.

CHESS JON SPEELMAN By its very nature, you can et away with a lot more at Rapidplay than at a slower time limit. Take this extraordinary game from the Major.

I'd never seen this amazing gambit before but it obviously packs a serious punch at a fast time limit. In fact I did find four games in a big database, all with a Mr D. Frank as White in the Pinneberg which, I discovered is a little north of Hamburg) Open in different years.

My feeling would be to re-turn a second pawn as soon as possible and somewhat churlishly (I hope I'm not spoiling Mr Faldon's fun too much either) N. Meyberg did so in a game against D. Frank in the Pinneberg Open 1992 with 7 ...ds 8 Bxd5 c6 9 Bb3 Bb4 10 Qf3 Be6 11 Bd2 Bxc3 12 bxc3 N8e7 13 0-0 0-0 14 Qd3 c5 15 f4 Rc8 16 Bc4 Bxc4 17 Qxc4 cxd4 18 Oxd4 Oxd4 + 19 cxd4 Rxc2 and Black won easily.

8 ... d5 9 Bxd5 (9 exd6 Nf6) 9 ...Be6 10 Bxb7 Rb8 11 Bc6+ Kf8 is also possible. As played, though, White got a huge attack. If 13 ... c6 14 f5 d5 15 exd6 Qxd6 16 fxg6 hxg6 17 Rael

White is better, 14 ... d5? lost, 14 Nf8 also looks bad after 15 f6 Qa3 16 Rf3! Ng6 17 Rg3 Qf8 18 Rxg6+ hxg6 19 Qxg6+ Kh8 20 Bxf7 and there seems to be no defence to Ra1-f1-f4-h4xh6+. So perhaps 14 ... Nh4 or 14 ... Nh8 to leave 18 free for the queen:



Four Knights 1 Nc3 e5 10 bxc3 Nh6 2 Nf3 Nc6 11 Od3 n-0 3 c4 Nf6 4 Nxe5"!" isee 12 Bxh6 gxh6 13 (4 Rd8!" diagram) ...Nxe5 14 f5 d5?

Black: Douglas Hogan 8 04t Bxc3

15 exd6 exd6 5 d4 Ng6 16 fxg6 hxg6 6 e5 Ng8 17 Qxg6+ 7 Bc4 Bb4!? 1-0 8 Qf3 Qe7

BRIDGE ALAN HIRON THE AUCTION here had its

amusing side, anathema to natural bidders as it must be, but the play had a practical point - first suggested. I think. in an article by Albert Dormer. Playing a Strong Club sys-

tem, South duly opened Ooe Club and North responded One Spade. This showed a balanced hand with no five-card suit and at least eight points, but had nothing to do with his spade holding. South's next bid of 1 no-trumps may look cautious but the partnership was now in a game-forcing situation and this merely showed that he also held a balanced hand, as yet unlimited.

Now North, though his slam hopes were low, could not resist testing his partner's memory with a range enquiry of 2 notrumps. Only after slipping off a shoe to assist his counting. South bid Five Clubs - exactly 27 points! Hoping for the best, North shot to 7 no-trumps and

West gloomily led 10. There were 12 top tricks and a 13th if either spades or diamonds broke evenly or the same defender held length in

Game all; dealer Soutb North **♦**Q52 ~Q74 **NAQ73 475**2 West East **41864** +10.7~8 b 5 \$10932 9109 NJ962 4J864 **\$1093** South **♦**A K 9 3 ΥAKJ OK 54

both suits. As you can see, nothing works. But declarer shrewdly tested the diamonds first - which of course contained four cards. West could part with a beart on the third diamond, but now came three rounds of hearts. Pity poor West! Should he throw a spade or a club? He parted with a spade, and it was all over.

♣A K Q

subject's a fallacy!" Witness Note that South's play did the current dispute over not jeopardise any genuine bononas and consequent chances. Had he tested spades cashmere crisis. Nations first, though, West would have are trying to be top banana. One of many senses abknown to save # J and East would have had no trouble keeping all his diamonds.

Words CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

vaudeville term, in use hy the Fifties, for ranking slapstick comedians (fitting, then, for politicians' dissent from the OED, it is a putes). It can also mean

banana, n.

penis, fender, football pass. aeroplane, an adaptive Asian and jaundice victim. Some believe that Moses' grapes from the Promised Land were really bananas. Meanwhile, let us honour the great Jane Grigson by insisting on tiny ones from the Canaries. Too few are imported: excellent with gin or kirsch, not rum.

I've got my own project to do (sniff)

Musical differences. Personal differences. Sex. There are many reasons why bands break up. And they're all part of the career trajectory, man. By David Thomas

hrilliant single about the drugs not workmg. And the other one that was nicked from are all going to be working on your

There are few phrases in the PR lexicon more filled with bathos than 'working on their own projects". In any given band there are rarely more than two members, if any, who nave the talent to do more than go down the pub or score some dope on their own frequently they can't even do that). So their projects most often consist of scrabbling around the dowdier end of the music business for a few years before jacking it all in and becoming fur-

It's possible, of course, that The Verve will realise this and reassemble at some future date older, wiser and significantly poorer - for another crack at the pig time. This is not, after all, the first time that they've split. Richard Ashcroft, the band's gaunt, big-lipped frontman walked out in 1994, came back, then departed again in 1995, splitting he band in the process.

But just as Liz Taylor could ever quite resist Richard Burton. ust as Mick can never quite get rid of Keef, so Ashcroft returned to his old schoolmates, the band got back agether and made their higgester allown the gazidion selling Froan Hymns. Who knows, when he royalties have begun to run dry. hev might re-unite once again.

So why do bands split in the first place? The most commonly cited eason is "musical differences". a hich roughly translates as "mutual oathing". This poisonous stew of inernecine hatreds is often brought nto the open by success, rather than ailure. When the band starts out, it's ust a hunch of lads crammed in the pack of a Transit van, setting out to ear down the walls of the musical establishment (preferably while hagging as many birds as possible long the wayl.

But once the first hits have been nade, it soon becomes apparent that he vast majority of all the money is joing to the bloke (or at most two plokes) who wrote them. This auses profound resentment among hate you. Mick wasn't really sure

o, farewell then. The Verve. You made that who can't see why the pretentious who can't see why the pretentious pillock at the front should be getting 75 per cent of the cash, 90 per cent of the hirds and 100 per cent of the media attention. It also infuriates the front man. There he is, working his nuts off, writing, singing, talking to endless bloody journalists, and those ugly, bone-idle spuds behind him still have the nerve to resent his hardearned pay.

The other perennial band-buster is, to put it frankly, sex. If you have men and women in the same band - I give you Abba and Fleetwood Mac as exhibits (a) and (b) - the following sequence can be guaranteed. 1) They will sleep together, marry and then divorce each other.

2) The resulting personal tension and pain will inspire a brief moment of supreme creativity. 3) This will swiftly be followed by hor-

monally-charged levels of mutual antagonism so intense that no amount of money can keep the band logemer. A spili is mevicable, In the more traditional case of an

all-male band, girifriends and wives have a devastating effect on the emotional ecology of the group Bands are essentially schoolboy gangs (as, indeed. The Verve actually were, preserved in an advanced state of emotional retardation.

As an example of this. I give you the Rolling Stones, circa 1988. As our story begins, Mick and Keith are in the middle of a decade-long spat that has seen both of them attempt to pursue disastrous solo careers. write nasty songs about each other. and generally behave like cantankerous six-year-olds who are in need of a good smack.

Enter Ronnie Wood, who is (a) friendly with both Mick and Keith, and (b), in serious need of some cash. He therefore wants the Stones to get back in harness. "Mick and Keith were at each other's throats and they weren't talking," said Ronnie. "The band nearly split and I couldn't stand by and let that hap-pen, so I did my bit and got them talking again. They were in different parts of the world. Mick rang me and said: 'Keith just won't speak to me.' And I said: Well, funnily enough, I've just spoken to him and I know where he is. If you ring him now, he's in a very good mood and he doesn't



Emotional rescue: The Verve. top: and abject failures in the splitting game, right, the Rolling Stones

so I said: Just do me a favour. ring him up and ring me back with the results.' Sure enough. 15 minutes later. Mick rang and said: 'He doesn't hate me! We got on great!".

With this degree of emotional intensity between the male mcmbers of a band, there is little room for women as anything other than bed-mates. Loyalty to the lads comes first. Women, however, find it hard to accept this state of affairs. They want to re-prioritise their own importance in an upwards direction.

Thus, as any tear-stained Beatles fan could bave told you in 1970. Linda drove Paul away from John, George and Ringo. Or was it that Yoko drove John away from Paul. George and Ringo? To this day, historians are split on this crucial issue. But one thing is certain... it was the wives' fault. Sometimes, bands are smart enough to see this problem coming. The members of Queen, for example, had a handful of university degrees between them. So when, in the early-Eighties, they were on the verge of splitting, they were able to remind themselves that, as Brian May recently told me, "the band was

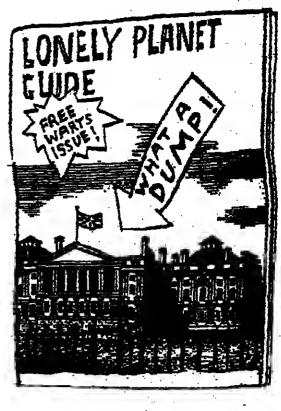
more enduring than any of our marriages". The straight band members got divorced, but the band just kept on trucking.

In the end. Queen were torn asunder by the death of Freddie Mercury. The immediate commercial effect of his demise was that they sold enormous quantities of records. thus hecoming even more outrageously wealthy than before. The long-term effect, however, was less salutary. Both Brian May and the band's drummer Roger Taylor are working on solo projects. They are fit, hard-working, and full of beans. In their time, they have both written massive worldwide hits. But can they get anyone to listen to, let alone give jects to be getting on with...

air-time to their current records? Without their brand-name, they are nothing. Eventually former band members recognise this. Years after they fell apart, having endured long years of fretful obscurity, they begin to forget what the problem ever was. They start thinking that it might be nice to see their mates again. They consider the benefits of playing to a

empty pub. And so, like Fleetwood Mac, Culture Club, Blondie and the Eagles, they get together again, and head out for the road. Who knows, one day The Verve might do the same thing. Until then, there are still those pro-

packed stadium, rather than an



POETIC LICENCE

THE HIDDEN COUNTRY BY MARTIN NEWELL ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL HEATH

In a new "warts and all" assessment, the Lonely Planet travel guide has rubbished many of Britain's salient tourist spots. Wales, Blackpool the Lake District, Great Yarmouth, Wales and London have all come under fire, with Buckingham Palace being slated for its flock wallpaper

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From Ragdoll to riches via Tubbyland

The creator of the Teletubbies has been voted Businesswoman of the Year. Yet Anne Wood's business has not made her personally rich. Can such a passionate and single-minded person have missed a trick? By Jane Robins

ESTERDAY WAS unusual for Anne Nood. Instead of her usual long vorking day at Teletubby HQ in stratford-upon-Avon, the woman vho gave life to Tinky Winky, Dipsy. aa Laa and Po was at Claridges in London to collect her Businessvoman of the Year award. Trendy oung things from the event's sponor, a champagne, kept plying her vith bubbly for the photocalls. But, ays a colleague: "I didn't see her sip my all morning. We did have a nice up of tea earlier, though."

Wood's personality, say her riends, is nothing like that of the ontemporary she is sometimes compared with - Anita Roddick. 3oth are passionate about their susinesses, but while Roddick is to re found hugging Indians in Brazil r doing her thing in Labour Party ideos. Wood's life is set on a more ntimate, personal stage. Her curent extra-curricular project is to buy field in Warwickshire with her husand Barrie, and to create a wildlife neadow there.

The comparison with the Body shop's creator is relevant, though, n highlighting how a certain sort of usinesswoman can hit the big time. oth women were driven by a very imple idea, and started small. In toddick's case it was a small shoo

in Brighton selling "natural products"; with Wood it was the setting up of a tiny television company, Ragdoll, in her home in Birmingham 14 years ago. Her simple idea was that televi-

sion should actually give children what they want. As an English teacher she had noticed how many books for children were simply a turn-off for young readers. Too often. adult authors created tomes that reflected their own idea of how young imaginations should be stimulated. and there seemed to be huge pressure on children to make the effort to enjoy what is good for them.

So, after setting up a magazine on books for children, and working her way up the children's programme department of TV-am, she eventually set up her own company in 1985 to explore her ideas in a purer, more focused way.

In a sense, the hirth of Ragdoll productions was where the story of the Teletubbies, and their world domination, began - because they arose out of Wood's constant experimentation with new ways to communicate with children. Some have described her methods as scientific, but she does not really see

At the Ragdoll shop in Stratford, said to be fearless in taking on new

most of the space is filled with toys, and staff are expected constantly to monitor the way that children play. For the Teletubby programmes themselves, Wood has employed a "tester" who films small children as they are watching the stories - anything that the children do not like. does not get broadcast. A certain amount of control freak-

ishness on Wood's part is evident.

dren - not Tubbies: The Movie, but something entirely new.

And her intensity about the Teletubhies, and conviction that they should have a limited lifespan before adjourning to Tubbyheaven has BBC bosses quaking in their corporate hoots. Last year, they got the whiff of an idea that Anne might

Her conviction that the Tellytubbies should have a limited lifespan has BBC bosses quaking in their corporate boots

She insists, for instance, that all filming of the Tubbies is set in authentic Teletubbyland, meaning that it always takes place on location in a converted field, out of doors or in the curious metallic dome the creatures inhabit with their strange suctorial chum, The Noo-noo. "It would make everything easier, and cheaper, if we could occasionally film in a studio. We wouldn't be so beholden to the weather, but Anne won't have " says a programme insider.

think it is time to move on to a new project, and the Children's Department "was awash with fear" until they squeezed a further 100 programmes out of her.

The Anne Wood that friends describe has passion and conviction hut is not, it has to be said, a natural businesswoman. In the early days of Ragdoll, her ignorance of husiness methods was so worrying that she signed up for a local course on how to run a shop - a nice contrast to the don Business School, Wharton and

projects. She is, in fact, about to Harvard which middle managers at make ber first feature film for chilthe BBC regularly attend.

And, for years, Ragdoll's profits vere a lamentable 1 per cent of turnover. Even now, with the runaway global success of the Tubbies, that has inched up to only 10 per cent. What's more, the Businesswoman of the Year is managing a company a fraction of the size of an ICI or a Sainsbury's. She employs only 70 people. The profits themselves were only £700,000 in 1997, and are up to £9m now. The growth is impressive, but, business analysts say. the profits are ludicrously small when compared with the cultural impact of the Teletubbies worldwide.

Think about it, they say. The Teletubbies are famous in 22 countries and have been translated into 21 languages. Only Russia, India and China fall outside the Tubby map, and China is, according to the BBC. about to be conquered. And then there are the spin-offs - Tubbytoys, Tubbybooks, Tubbytoasters, Tubby records. The BBC has made £23m out of the creatures. So how come Ragdoll makes only 19m? Surely the Businesswoman of the Year could

have kept more dosh for herself? The answer is probably a paradox. Her confidence is endless. She is £15,000 business courses at the Lon- It is Anne Wood's intensity about her mission to reach out to children that

has produced her success. It is also her single-mindedness in pursuit of her idea that has meant she has not exploited the business-side as relentlessly as she might have done. In the end, her success is limit-

ed and it is simple. Although she has made The Sunday Times Rich List. she is a small player compared with Ann Gloag, the boss of transport firm Stagecoach, who is worth a very hefty £880m, or the dozen or so billionaires in British business.

And yet there simply weren't enough more powerful or more successful, businesswomen around to beat her to the award. She herself said yesterday that her business skills were a sort of "by-product" of her passion for children's programmes. And, she said, it was a comment on the lack of success for women in business that the award

It would surely be progress if it were to evolve into Businessperson



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SCIENCE

Young men pick up cues from a violent society and pose their own threat. How can we break the cycle? By Sanjida O'Connell

What makes a child a killer?

age boys bombed and shot at their own classmates in a school in Colorado, killing 12 students and their teacher. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold then committed suicide. These appalling events at Columbine High School, situated in the predominately white. middle-class town of Littleton, raise disturbing questions about the nature of violence. What turned two apparently ordinary boys, from affluent backgrounds, into ruthless killers?

An epidemic of violence among the young is sweeping America. Arrests have soared in the last few decades, gang memhership increased by 50 per cent between 1989 and 1995, and the juvenile murder rate has more than doubled since the Eighties, One psychologist, Professor James Garbarino of Cornell University, has gone so far as to say that the US is in danger of losing a generation of young men to violence. He calls them the "lost boys".

Prof Garbarino, who is professor of human development at Cornell and a director of its Family Life Development Centre, has just finished a book of the same title in which he tries to unravel the factors that lead children to extreme aggression. His approach is to listen to individual cases as they are presented to him and attempt to understand what causes a child to become a potential killer.

"Sometimes as I listen to people talk about violent youth... it seems that few people really care about hurt little boys who have grown up to be violent teenagers. It is as if we want to forget how they got to be kids who kill in the first place," he says.

"Perhaps we feel that understanding them is unnecessary because punishment is the only issue, or perhaps we feel that an attempt to understand them is dangerous because it may excuse their actions."

Factors cited to explain why a child may kill include genetic inheritance, parental upbringing and the increasingly toxic nature of contemporary American society. "These boys fall victim to an unfortunate synchronicity between the demons inhabiting their own internal world and the corrupting influences of modern American culture: vicarious violence, crude sexuality, shallow materialism, mean-spirited com-



Eric Harris, one of the two teenagers responsible for the massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado last week

ness," says Professor Garbarino.

The problem usually begins in early childhood. Over the last seven years, child abuse has doubled: 42 out of every 100,000 children are abused every year in the US. Many of the children Professor Garbarino talks to at his family centre were either abused or abandoned by one or both parents.

Boys often react to abandonment Professor: they gradually lose the capacity to feel emotions, as well as externalising the pain, so that they attribute how they feel to the actions of others. They feel victimised, and deal with their distress through action, particularly violent action. The condition is known as "covert depression", since the sufferer fails to

petitiveness and spiritual empti- acknowledge his own feelings. De- and nurture is the key. The very kind order arising during pregnancy, pression is a particular problem for violent boys. Professor Ronald Kessler, of Harvard Medical School, has shown that the rate of serious depression among American youth has risen from 2 per cent in 1960 to 25 per cent today.

Abuse and abandonment are crucial factors here, but one of the more the theory that criminals are born, in two main ways, according to the not made. One programme begun in the Sixties showed that children who were aggressive at eight turned into 38-year-olds who hit family memhers, got into fights and drove aggressively. "This gives a developmental spin to road rage: it may start as 'tricycle rage'," says Pro-fessor Garbarino. However, he argues that a combination of nature

of environment a person grows up in will affect his genetic legacy. For example, a child growing up in a deprived area could be subject to poor nutrition and industrial carcinogens; a child with the same genetic make-up, in a middle-class area, may have the benefits of intra-uterine surgery or nutritional therapy for controversial areas in psychology is a genetic disorder. "Biologically based predispositions to violence translate into behaviour only when they occur in social situations that

> permit or encourage that." A recent study by the psychologists Sarnoff Mednick and Elizabeth Kandel, conducted in the Netherlands, looked at children who had a slight physical defect, such as a misshapen head. This can indicate a underlying minor neurological dis-

which may lead to mental instability and learning disorders. Those children who grew up in stable familles had no greater risk of being arrested for violent crimes by the time they were 21 than any other child; yet 70 per cent of those who were in unstable, troubled families had been arrested by the time they reached the age of 21.

Professor Garbarino wholeheartedly helieves that being born difficult does not mean you will end up difficult. In his own words, he was a "cranky, troublesome, wilful and aggressive" child. He was saved by social circumstances, and by his teens he had become a model citizen. Although he was born on an urban American housing estate, it was not the war zone these have hecome in inner-city America today. His parents both cared for him; he lived in a safe area with no guns. drugs or gangs; television at the time was tame; and his teachers were supportive. The opposite is true of many children in America today.

It is not that people have changed; rather, the social milieu has altered. America, as Colorado has so aptly demonstrated, has become a ern counties where nearly 50 per cent of households have guns. A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Georgia discovered that nearly a third of boys carry a lethal weapon with them, and 12.5 per cent carry a gun to school every day.

There are four basic reasons 'Lost Boys' by James Garbarino is why children are drawn to guns, ac-There are four basic reasons

cording to Professor Jeremy Shapiro and colleagues from Cleveland University. They need to be the type of person who reacts aggressively to shame: if someone insults you, you have to fight them. Secondly, gun-carrying children are not worried by other people possessing firearms: thirdly, guns excite them: and finally, they feel powerful and secure when in possession of a gun.

Coupled with easy access to guns is the pervasive spread of violence on TV. A typical American child can witness more images of death and destruction in films and television than a policemen or a soldier sees in a lifetime. The American Psychological Association (APA) conducted a survey of TV violence and showed that nearly half the violent acts committed are perpetrated by the bero: more than two-thirds of the time the aggressor shows no remorse and receives no criticism or punishment. Though there is no simple correlation between screen violence and real violence, the APA states that the link between the two is as strong as the correlation between smoking and cancer.

In the absence of any change in attitude in the gun culture of America, where the National Rifle Association still holds huge influence, is there any hope for disaffected, violent youth? Professor Garbarino believes that some lost boys can be saved. He cites the example of one such boy, Malcolm, who is on death row. He has participated in drug-related kidnappings as a victim and perpetrator, has been fired at during drive-by shoot ins and has been involved in them himself. He has committed armed robbery, committing murder for the first time at the age of 13; be bas been scarred by beatings from his mother, his uncle, his stepfather, drug bosses, neighbourhood rivals and the police; and he lost his baby son after his heavily pregnant girlfriend was shot at. Garbarino remembers that when he gave Malcolm a book, the bardgun culture, especially in the south- boy image suddenly crumpled with emotion. "This is for me, really? a book before," he said, as a tear ran down his cheek. As the Professor says, "A single tear is a precious commodity in the emotional economy of boys like Malcolm."

STARS AND PLANETS: MAY

MAY STARS

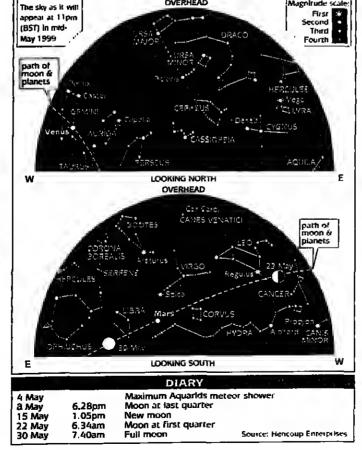
ON MAY evenings, the large, ancient constellation of Virgo takes centre stage in the southern sky. Shaped like a "Y", it bears little resemblance to a maiden bearing an ear of corn but within Virgo's mundane outline is a treasure trove of delights. With binoculars, sweep the "bowl" of the Y, and if your skies are clear and dark you should pick out a number of fuzzy patches. These are just a handful of the thousands of galaxies, many much higger than our own Milky Way, making up the giant Virgo Cluster.

We have known for some time that the basic huilding-blocks of the Universe are clusters and superclusters of galaxies. These reflect the distribution of matter that came out of the Big Bang. More important, they also reveal the location of the mysterious "dark matter" that may make up more than 90 per cent of the mass of the Universe. The visible galaxies ride the dark matter like surfers on a wave.

To track down the dark

matter, and to get an accurate picture of how the galaxies are distributed in 3D, astronomers have latterly been conducting their own censuses of the Universe. One of the first was the British/ Australian "2dF" (2degree field) survey, conducted with the Anglo-Australian Telescope in New South Wales. This looks at an area of the sky some two degrees across, or four moon-widths. Small though this may seem, it is enormous compared with the field of view of the Hubble Telescope (one-30th the Moon's diameter), and allows the distances to 400 galaxies to be measured simultaneously. Astronomers aim to end up with a 3-D map of

250,000 galaxies. On the other side of the world at Apache Point Observatory in New Mexico, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey shares the same



technology as the 2dF survey, even down to the size of the area surveyed. At the heart of the instrument - placed at the focus of a 2.5-metre telescope - is an array of optical fibres. By studying existing sky-images. astronomers can position the fibres exactly where the galaxies lie. Plug in the fihres, point the telescope, and light from each galaxy tumbles down its own fibre to a sensitive spectrograph.

which measures the distance. The project leader, Jim Gunn of Princeton University, points out that surveys such as this

wouldn't have been possible even 10 years ago. "We've got state-of-the-art detectors silicon CCDs - which detect 70 per cent of the light that falls on them, instead of the 1 per cent registered by photographic plates. Plus, the database will produce 10 terabytes, something that daunted us wheo we started planning - hut not now."

Over a five-year period, Sloan will perform a 3D survey of a million galaxies in our "near" neighbourhood - out lo about 3 hillion light years. Its data will be complementary to thal

ohtained on much more distant galaxies by the orbiting Hubble Telescope, so astronomers can pinpoint evolution in both galaxies and structures as the Universe grows older. "This will allow us to understand what the Universe is like now, how it has been, and what it will be like in the far future," says Gunn.

As well as mapping the distribution of galaxies and the underlying dark matter - both fossil relics of conditions following the Big Bang some 13 billion years ago - surveys such as the 2dF and Sloan are going to put a considerable amount of flesh on the largely theoretical skeleton that describes our Universe. "Cosmology has been a subject in which there bave heen lots and lots of ideas and very, very little data." Gunn

Finally, there is going to be lots and lots of data. We will perhaps be able to understand the Universe - and among some of those theories there may even be one that's right."

What's up this month Venus is looking like a hrilliant lantern hanging in the western twilight, and it is growing still brighter as it draws closer to the Earth in its orbit. Mid-month, it sets three and a half hours after the Sun. On 18 May it will appear close to the crescent

moon in the sky. Mars, too, is putting on a good performance this month, and is on view nearly all night long in the south. Although only onetenth as bright as Venus, it still outshines most of the stars, and its lurid red colour makes it unmistakahle.

Mercury is too close to the Sun to be visible now: Jupiter and Saturn are also hard to see, emerging above the horizon within an hour of sunrise. NIGEL HENBEST AND

HEATHER COUPER

Even Galileo didn't understand tides

THE IDEA of -the two cultures" in relation to science and the public is now part of our culture. It is 40 years since CP Snow used this phrase in his now famous Rede lecture in Cambridge, although he had used the idea in an article in the New Statesman in 1956. The two cultures to which he was referring were those of literary intellectuals and natural scientists. He drew attention to the mutual incomprehension and suspicion between these two groups.

Rereading the lecture, I am struck by the restricted nature of the two cultures that interested him. It was as if literary intellectuals were a major force in society, and there should be concern that they did not understand the second law of thermodynamics

Nowhere in his discussion do other "cultures" appear, there are no lawyers, bankers, politicians, sportspeople, artists, or members of the public at large. I also detect a sort of snohbery in his arguments, which closely reflects Oxbridge life.

The lecture is also deeply disap-pointing in the analysis as to why the apparent mutual incomprehension should exist, and all his evidence is no more than Oxbridge anecdote.

Nevertheless the idea of the two cultures has become synonymous with the problems associated with the public understanding of science. Taking a broader view than Snow, we can ask whether there is now, 40 years later, a better understanding of science by the public, always remembering that there is no one public. There are, in this sense, many publics, which range from chil-

dren to members of parliament. There is no good evidence on which we can base such a judgement, not least because it is hard to know what we mean by public understanding of science. It certainly does not mean the extent to which



people understand the second law of thermodynamics. I have even been told by several distinguished physicists that they themselves find it very difficult to understand – a relief, as I myself do not understand

it except at a superficial level. There have been major changes, not least the whole idea of the

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public understanding of science, which came from a Royal Society report in 1985 chaired by Walter Bodmer. The report strongly encouraged scientists to interact with the public and to feel no shame in collaborating with the media.

Some measure of the possible progress stemming from that report is that the government-funded research councils now have as part of their mission statement that they should make their research accessible to as wide a public as possible.

There is also the recognition that scientists need to understand the public, particularly their concern about the applications of science.

Another sign of progress is the intense interest in popular science. though I do wonder if the interest is not possibly due to seeing science as a kind of magic, rather than a result of genuine understanding.

Have those million or so readers of Stephen Hawking's book, A Brief History of Time, learnt some physics? Snow missed, I think, an essential feature of science that can make it rather alienating, namely that the world is not huilt on a basis that fits with common sense, natural expectations. Much of public understanding of science is respect with-

out comprehension. Even the evidence that we rotate about the sun is hard to believe and to understand. The mechanism of the tides is no trivial matter: Galileo himself failed to solve the problem.

Even basic scientific ideas are oot always common knowledge; some 30 per cent of the population believe that tomatoes do not contain genes or DNA unless they have been genetically modified. And I repeatedly find that those who are concerned about human cloning fail to recognise that the cloned child has a mother and a normal hirth, and will have to go to school.

But what would I like non-scientists to know about science? That science is the best way to understand how the world works, and the nature of the evidence upon which it is based. For example, in medicine and health we must rely on clinical trials, not anecdote. But certainly not understanding the second law, or any other, as Snow would have liked.

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THE FRIDAY REVIEW

Gods and monsters

Pioneering computer film festival OneDotZero isn't interested in showcasing the usual film-school suspects. If you own a mid-range PC you could be their next star. By Oliver Swanton

ast year Shane Walters and Matt Hanson screened a special compilation programme of digital films for the James Bond production crew. It was an edited summary of their annual OneDotZero film festival, the highlights of the latest innovations in digital moving image. Exciting, ground-breaking, even revolutionary stuff, they thought. But the Hollywood regulars, old hands to a man, were unimpressed. They couldn't see why the films were special, or even different. What's the big deal, they puzzled. They could achieve better effects in their studios.

With enough readies, access to a multimillion-dollar production suite and about 20 years' experience in the film industry. anyone could achieve similar results. However, it's the means to that end that make ground-breaking the digital films that Walters and Hanson clearly love. Pushbutton creativity and digital editing are now an affordable reality for any mid-range PC owner. Within reason, if you're willing to forgo some of life's little luxuries, you can assemble a full production and editing suite in your own bedsit. You do not necessarily require expensive actors, stage sets or even cameras, and the finished film is of

This accessibility of technology is attracting people from "non-traditional" film backgrounds. People with very different skills, and ideas about story telling; people who could be - and arguably already are - changing the way mainstream filmmakers approach the moving image. And that could be revolutionary.

"These film-makers are the most spectacular geeks," says Stevan Keane, commissioning editor for Channel 4 Later, who has just started screening the six part anthology series OneDotTV. "They stare at the floor when they're talking about the art itself, they're not bullshitting, hard-selling producer types by any stretch of the imagination. Nor are they seasoned directors hopping from festival to festival; they're just about experimentation and ideas - and that's invigorating.

"They produce such a range of exciting visuals." he adds. "Half pop video, half avant-garde art, with a bit of social com-mentary tucked in for good measure. They're important because in the classic experimental sense they're pushing back the boundaries, of both imagination and

"Industrial, Light and Magic," adds Walters, "will take a car, put go-faster stripes down the side, pump up the wheels and transform it into a dragster. The filmmakers we feature are at the other end of the spectrum. They get a bit of tin and some wheels and build their own cars, which are totally different from what went before, not simply enhanced."

The kind of producers Walters and

'These film-makers are spectacular geeks – not hard-selling types'

Hanson like to commission for their festival and feature on their new television show are likely to be graphic designers, computer rs, record producers, even graffiti artists. They produce films that fuse live action with documentary, lo-fi illustration and Amiga-style computer graphics, such as Richard Kenworthy's work for people can stomach," grins Hanson. James Lavelle's UNKLE. These films may intertwine pulsating abstract colours and shapes with cityscapes, like Andy Martin's Throwing Down a Shape with Fila

Some, like Abe's Exoddus from Oddworld Inhabitants, are non-linear cinematic computer-animated sequences that were originally produced for computer console games (fmv's). Many are digitally manipulated pop videos, such as Chris Cunningham's hysterical r&b pastiche, Window Licker, starring the gyrating, bikinl-clad, ugly Aphex Twins or Jonathon Glazer's disturbing Robbit in Your Headlights, featuring a madman who refuses to stay down,

despite a multitude of head-on hit-and-run car accidents. "They're maverick works that defy convention," nods Walters.

This is a new underground, one far removed from the scratchy, black-and-white avant garde. Its producers are informed by, and reference, psychedelic club visuals, advertisements, cartoons, MTV fast edits, kung fu and sci fi movies, photography, green space invaders... Their makers are having adventures in moving image because they can, not because they spent three years at film school learning how to. "These films are not about communicating to a small art set in some dingy little gallery," affirms Hanson. Such producers are taking a whole

new direction in moving image, Hanson maintains. They're not actively trying to break the feature model; they just don't feel in the slightest bit confined by it. The results can be immature. The first One-DotZero film festival was dominated by experimental singular images and graphics-based work that was little removed from the kind of rave videos and visuals that anyone under the age of 30 had already seen far too much of. In three short years, however, the same film-makers had moved on to implied narratives and conceptual works. Simultaneously, not only has the audience grown exponentially, but its tastes have significantly matured.

The work that OneDotZero screens is not generally seen, but, more and more, it is informing and exciting mainstream programming. Its makers are increasingly finding a commercial outlet for their creativity, from spinning, twirling, imploding computer graphic idents to cutand-paste TV ads, in title work and poo promos as well as graphic design and computer programming

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That the genre is steadily growing is tes-timony to Walters and Hanson's original vision that OneDotZero should be a production festival, rather than a simple showcase. Other more established film festivals are beginning to set aside rooms to



'Abe's Exoddus' from Oddworld Inhabitants: sequences originally produced for computer console games

screen the same films, but OneDotZero remains unique in that it is an enabling factor for digital film-makers.

Walters and Hanson see themselves as "facilitator", a "conduit", a "catalyst" even. More than 25 films have already been made that wouldn't otherwise have existed, commissioned directly for the festival. It's an ethos they automatically extended to the new television series; of the four films featured in each half-hour anthology at least one was commissioned specifically for the series. "We had only a tiny budget," ex-plains Hanson, "but we thought that was very important."

Walters and Hanson like nothing better than to introduce new faces to digital film, both as viewers and as producers. They love encouraging painters, sculptors, de-signers, even architects to think about moving image. They show them how easy it is, with the aid of a mouse, to transfer their skills to a new medium. They receive a welcome ear among, especially, twentysomethings, for whom multi-skilling is not simply management shorthand for creating redundancies.

computer programmers. Generally regranded as a geeky obsession, the computer Tuesdays on Channel 4

games industry has, the duo maintain, nurtured and developed a "tremendous" amount of talent. "Programmers come not only with a very different skills base, but from a very different cultural background," says Walters. "They squirrel themselves away in darkrooms and produce some fantastic pieces of film art that only hard-core gamers see. By putting that up on a cinema screen we're simply opening it up it to a wider audience."

OneDotZero also sheds a little light on The OneDotZero film festival is at the ICA

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AT CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM TODAY

Two into one doesn't go

WRITING A one-act play is as fast a ticket to obscurity as crafting a short story. However good it may be, it doesn't amount to a full evening's entertainment. The recent, inspired pairing of Tom Stoppard's The Real Inspector Hound with Peter Shaffer's Black Comedy showed the answer, make up a marriage of true minds. And that's exactly what Carol Metcalfe tries with her surrealist double hill of Stoppard's glorious one-act comedy After Magritte with Michael Nyman's chamber opera, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat.

The cunning link is René Magritte, one of whose images adorned the paperback edition of Oliver Sachs' original casestudy of a man suffering from aphasia, so that while his brain could register salient features of an object he could not comprehend the total picture, its meaning". As in some of Magritte's paintings, the tion does the piece no favours, "reality" of an image is contra-

THEATRE AFTER MAGRITTE/ THE MAN WHO MISTOOK HIS WIFE FOR A HAT

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In Christopher Rawlence's

libretto, a singing Sachs observes the seemingly surreal behaviour of his music teacher patient who has developed a musical way of coping with an increasingly mystifying world. He sings his way through basic tasks such as dressing and eating, which suggests that this story is ripe for musical adaptation, But Nyman's signature is more rhythmic than harmonically or melodically theatrical. The music doesn't appear to develop traditionally, the orchestral writing is too repetitive and emphatic and the vocal writing is too tense to release itself into operatic shape.

Metcalfe's awkward producwith the pit-band swamping the singers. The teacher is



'After Magritte'

written for a wide-ranging baritone, but James Meek struggles to project at either end of his voice, thus sapping this libretto-heavy opera of its import. You know there's something wrong when the most dramatically effective moment is when his character proves his musical credentials by singing "Ich grolle nicht" from Schumann's Dichterliebe.

of punch and dramatic punctuation in After Magritte, but

none of the faults is Stoppard's. On paper, his rarely performed but supremely well-crafted comedy is hilarious. He takes a deliciously surreal opening image: a man in waders and evening dress fixing a light-bulb on a counterbalance with a fruit bowl, with his wife on all fours in full Come Dancing rig, his mother lying prone on an ironing-board and a policeman staring in through the window. With ruthless logic he then provides a "real" explanation for the entire mindboggling scene and each character's deliriously funny, conflicting interpretation of the bizarre sighting of a blind, onelegged footballer.

These rich comic opportunities are, alas, largely missed by a cast who fail to mesh. Metcalfe's poorly paced and overblown production gathers only intermittent laughs as it rides roughshod over Stoppard's perfectly placed wit. An evening of good intentions and There are similar problems dashed hopes.

DAVID BENEDICT

A little black mischief

IMAGINE CARYL Churchill crossed with Mata Hari, given a strong dash of Harriet Beecher Stowe and shifted back in time to the 17th century. It's only by such fanciful-seeming amalgams that one can get the measure of the sheer unexpectedness of Aphra Behn, prolific Restoration dramatist, poet, spy in the Netherlands and author, in Oroonoko, of a prose narrative that - as historian Hugh Thomas put it in The Slave Trade - "was more influential than popes and missionaries" in fostering human-

itarian sentiment The story she tells is of an African prince, sold into slavery, separated from his lover, and taken to the British colony of slaves' uprising. Politically betrayed, left with no option but to free his lover from a terrible fate by stabbing her, he achieves real tragic status. The material is inherently theatriTHEATRE OROONOKO

RSC THE OTHER PLACE STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

cal, but it was left to Thomas Southerne to furnish an adaptation which held the stage throughout the 18th century.

All honour to the RSC for bypassing Southerne and tearning Behn up with a contemporary Nigerian-born writer, Biyi Ban-dele. This gives you a clue about the tone. There's political indignation but a refreshing lack of political correctness in Bandele's version. Gregory Doran's spare yet sumptuousseeming production is splendidly attumed both to the cheek of this reinterpretation.

Surinam where he inspires a poeticality and irreverent The Evelyn Waugh of the disgracefully funny Black Mischief seems to be performing a pas de deux with Ben Okri as

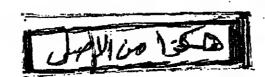
time, dramatises the African section of the story. In dialogue systematically flecked with contemporary colloquialisms, it pulls you into a world like Geff Francis's expertly played Orombo can not only pimp his own pregnant daughterh, but run a lucrative line in supplying slaves to the whites

As the story shifts to the British colony and to the salacious depredations of the weak deputy governor (David Collings), Bandele has to shed a lot of the impish, undercutting humour. What impresses, though, is that the proceedings never simplify into the hlack and white (so to speak) of melodrama. It's an excellent touch here that Nicholas Monu's understated hero does not expire in a public execution (as in the Behn) or by heroic suicide (as in the Southerne). Instead. significantly. Oroonoko is shot this adaptation, for the first dead by the most liberal white

in the colony. It's a complex, ironic moment because Trefry (Michael Fenner) is only pointing the gun to try to stop the chained-up hero stabbing himwhere an ambitious operator self. Is the shooting a split-secand act of self-preservation or evidence of a reflex racism still in need of uprooting in the best of us? A powerful evening.

PAUL TAYLOR





MUSIC



Rip it up, start again

Remember Big Country? Lush melodies? Raw emotion and home-town pride? Old news. In the fifth part of our major series on devolution, Elisabeth Mahoney applauds the way Scottish pop has reinvented itself

hen SNP candidate Jim Sillars uverturned a safe Labour majority to take Glasgow Govan in the 1988 by-election. Ricky Ross sat down to write a song. The lead singer with Deacon Blue wrote "Don't Let the Teardrops Start". It's about the long road to Scottish selfdetermination. hinting that the familiar foes of emotionalism and negativity may once again crush Scottish self-belief.

In these momentous days of imminent pobical change in Scotland. you might expect to find plenty more of the same going on. You might imagine be-kilted halladeers penning sentimental hearts-on-sleeves numbers, songs with "Braveheart" in the title, or at least the chorus; you're prohably expecting a Big Country revival any minute now. But no, something strange is happening, or not happening, in Scottish pop right now. No one, musically, is taking much notice of the political goings-on.

This isn't to say individual musicians aren't interested or passionate about political change. But so far, there's been little crossover between devolution and pop, and that has a lot to do with the very healthy state of music in Scotland these days.

There's a line of argument which says that cultural confidence in Scotland has in effect forced political change, and it's an extremely seductive theory: go see plays, knock up some tunes, be flamboyantly creative with your pals at all times, find an Irvine Welsh, and eventually, a devolutionrevolution will follow. But in the recent history of Scottish pop, rock, and dance music, this argument does indeed hold water.

At the end of last year, at a double-bill Mogwai and Arab Strap gig in Edinburgh, I found myself thinking the unthinkable in the company of Scottish bands, even the very best of the last decade or so: this sounds like nothing else. Don't get me wrong. Some of my best friends are records by Scottish groups. It's just that much as lyricists north of the Border have made a poignant romantic melancholy a house speciality, so too have musicians laid bare their influences for all to see. This doesn't mean there are als in the pack, but indebt to certain traditions and styles is only now becoming the exception rather than the rule in Scottish music.

In pop terms, the quintessentially Scottish style stems from one short-lived record label, Postcard. Set up in Glasgow in 1980 by Alan Horne as a reaction against New Romantic frilly excesses, Postcard was behind those winsome wonders Orange Juice (featuring Edwyn Collins), the brooding gloom of Josef K, early Aztec Camera, and a non-Scottish signing, The Go-Betweens.

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Although only in operation for a couple of years. Postcard in effect set a large part







Then and now: (from top) Orange Juice / Mogwai; Big Country / Texas; Simple Minds / Arab Strap

two decades that followed. While a number of Scottish hands had come to UK-wide prominence during the Seventies - most notably the glorious glam-punk-retro of The Rezillos, and The Skids with Richard Jobson - it was Orange Juice and Co that established a discernible Scottish take on pop, and its legacy, in good, bad and stink-

ing varieties, has been with us ever since. At its best, it blends the lushest guitarbased melodies with sensitive or rawly

emotional lyrics (irony came later) and often quirky, distinctive vocals. Scottish bands have done some of the finest musical things ever with the joy and terror of love, the incandescent beauty of a trare summer's day, bome-town pride, and the doom, gloom and misery when love leaves. With slight modifications, this formula applies to a swathe of Scottish bands, including The Pastels, Del Amitri, The Associates. Simple Minds, Geneva, Lloyd Cole and The Commotions

(Cole isn't Scottish but the Commotions were), The Bluebells, Teenage Fanclub. Hipsway, Blue Nile, Belle and Sebastian and Ishudder) even Wet Wet Wet.

Everything that followed in Scottish pop has been influenced to a greater or lesser extent by this style, even if only in the selfconscious rejection of it. Some favoured earlier, often American inspiration, such as Hue and Cry and Deacon Blue. Texas took the Stateside inspiration furthest, building their trouble with Scottish Ballet

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SUPER FURRY ANIMALS WOLVERHAMPTON

CIVIC HALL

Animal

American south. Other mutant versions of Postcard pop included several bands signed to Alan McGee's Creation records, later to hring us Oasis. The Jesus and Mary Chain, Primal Scream and Momus embodied the darker flipside of the pretty but often wimpy pop; the sex, drugs, and rock'n'roll aesthetic so often absent in the melodic outpourings of other bands. Altered Images came more obviously from the Seventies punk stable. but Clare Grogan's vocals were sweet enough to make them fit the Postcard picture: Grogan and Edwyn Collins shared an

NME cover in the early-Eighties. Big Country - what can you say? They aimed for an urgency of sound in the style of The Skids, adding their own ringing bagpipe guitar lines and beavy-handed nationalism. It wasn't long before they were on the skids, let alone sounding like them.

early image solidly from the styles of the

So bow did we get from Big Country to Mogwai, Simple Minds to Dawn of the Replicants, and the Postcard sound to the massive dance scene in Scotland? There are obvious links to earlier sounds: the guitar is still there in Mogwai, if only to take a severe thrashing; Arab Strap bave taken the quirkiness mode and run with it; and the dance music must doff its cap to the crossover sounds of Primal Scream's "Loaded" Imixed by Andy Weatherall in a turning-point for Scottish pop), and the transformation of The Shamen into the band who brought us "Ebeneezer Goode".

But there are differences that are even more obvious. That cultural confidence mentioned before shows itself through the casting off of the sometimes stultifying influences, be they American or Scottish, and that lyrical sentimentality has largely been eclipsed by something sharper, harder and more vital. In place of anthemic rabblerousers or studenty-softies, there's the messed-up, dirty great sounds coming out of Soma Records, the Glasgow dance label started by Slam DJs Stuart and Orde. Or the delicious, diverse offerings of the crucial Chemikal Underground label, set up by The Delgados. Mogwai, Arab Strap and Bis all hailed from this front room in someone's house (they've got proper offices now).

These are serious labels pushing serious talent in an increasing number of good, small venues. Other healthy signs are: the big clubs which still give London a run for its money, the fact that two of the higgest Scottish bands. Texas and Garbage, are fronted by women after it being such a boy's club for so long; and the continued presence of T in the Park, Scotland's own musical mndbath in a field. Come see, if you haven't already. But please, don't send a postcard.

Classical music by Mnry Miller, p14 Tomorrow: Nadine Meisner on the

ON THE day that Richard Asheroft announced the demise of The Verve, Gruff Rhys, the vocalist from the Super Furry Animals, appeared to be limbering up as his successor. While Rhys may not have The Verve front man's hollow cheeks or emaciated frame, his air of wistful intensity was unadulterated Ashcroft. He was also in possession of a commanding stage presence. The other members of the band could have been hired session musicians as they lurked in the shadows, allowing the singer to bask in the spotlight.

Super Furry Animals form part of the wave of Welsh bands who bave raised the cultural profile of Wales over the past few years, transforming Cardiff into a mecca for chequebook-wielding A&Rs. But to lump the Super Furries alongside their Celtic contemporaries, Catatonia, Stereophonics, 60-ft Dolls, is to do little justice to their smart, psychedelic rock and the invention of their live shows.

Television screens flickered across the stage as if the band had stumbled across a Gilliamesque vision of the future. Kaleidoscopic patterns from the monitors were reflected on the singer's pallid face, adding to his enervated appearance. As they scrolled through the old classics, "Bad Behaviour", "God Sbow Me Magic" and "Fire In My Heart", the band's trademark whimsy took on a tragic tone as the pace remained slow and Rhys's voice was stretched to cracking point.

The band's early days as a techno outfit were still apparent as synthesised special effects bubbled to the surface between the verses. The arrival of a pair of trumpeters dressed as policemen also barked back to the band's old cartoon aesthetic, though laughter was immediately quelled by a glance at the singer's sombre demeanour. Even as be launched into their new single "Northern Lites", an exotic Beach able to throw himself into the carnival atmosphere.

As kindergarten gimmicks were replaced by an austere future-aesthetic, and happy-clappy numbers were presented as rock songs, it seemed that the Super Furries were striving to transcend their theme park status and become a serious rock band. A sure legacy from The

FIONA STURGES A version of this review appeared in later editions of yesterday's рарет



WHAT NEXT FOR THE ARTS IN SCOTLAND?



McMurdo visual artist "I hope that

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devolution will be a positive thing for the arts in Scotland, but it is hard to tell until we know how the Parliament intends to emphasise arts and

culture, and how the role of Minister of Culture will be filled. Art should be at the foreground of political policy. It is not just a recreational activity, but a life-enhancing thing. The visual arts scene in Scotland is very healthy. Hopefully the Parliament

can only do more good."

Lorne Gillies. arts & culture

spokesperson.

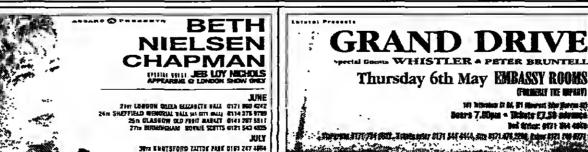
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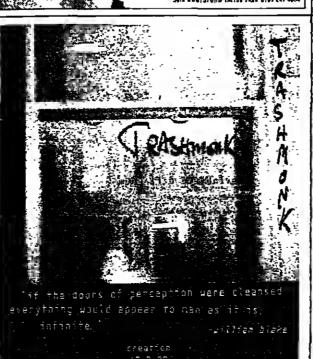
cultural centre. The Scottish government must work with practitioners, the voluntary and private sectors and local councils to make the arts accessible to people in all parts of Scotland. We must wait for independence to gain autonomy in hroadcasting

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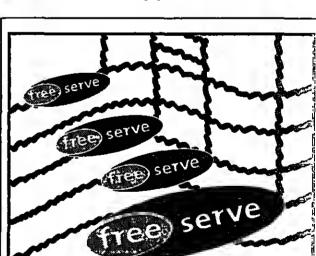


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THE BIG NOISE

SUEDE

Head Music Nude

BROADER IN musical conception than their previous albums, Head Music reflects two basic changes in Suede's working methods since Coming Up. The most obvious is the change of producer. Ed Buller being replaced here by Steve Osborne, Paul Oakenfold's partner in Perfecto, who naturally brings a more grooveoriented approach to the band's sound, which is slicker and smoother

than before, and better reflects the band's "chemical generation" outlook.

It used to be the case that Brett Anderson sometimes seemed to be singing about another subculture

entirely when be

romanticised drug-

taking, as if jealously observing the bright young things en route to their raves from his shadowy vantage point on the gloomy side of the street: certainly. Suede records were rarely heard at raves, where a more physical, less mental, response was the order of the day.

This, perhaps, is the underlying theme of *Head Music* – that populist, body-oriented music need not be entirely free of intelligence, that both body and mind can take nourishment from pop.

from pop.

The other major change in the band is the rise of the keyboardist
Neil Codling, who plays a much more defining role in the band's sound and compositions than before, offering a better equilibrium between keyboard

textures and the guitars that used to dominate their sound. It's inconceivable, for instance, that Suede could have pulled off such a svelte slice of Human League-style electro-pop as "Hi-Fi" on an earlier album, or built up as dense a sound as on "Elephant Man", without recourse to string arrangements. The new balance is best displayed on the Garbage-esque "Savoir Faire", where

the hormonal buzz of wah-wah guitar and pounding motorik groove combine compellingly in the manner of Bowie's Station to Station. which you suspect is right up Suede's street.

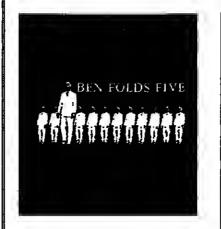
As for the lyrics.
Suede's songs still
deal with glamour,
sex, drugs and
despair in fairly equal

quantities, but now there's a variability of touch that was lacking before. The evocations of teen sex, the snatched moments of bliss in suburban wastelands, and the cast of pill-popping glamour-girls and beautifully wasted boys are all present and politically incorrect, of course, but it's hard to imagine the younger, more serious Suede stooping to the Viz-comic level of the title-track's "Give me head! Give me head! Give me head!

It's not an obvious route for them to take, admittedly, but one that brings a welcome touch of truly street-level humanity to Suede's more fancifully romantic notions of life on "the street"

...AND OTHER ALBUM RELEASES

REVIEWED BY ANDY GILL



BEN FOLDS FIVE
The Unauthorized Biography
of Reinhold Messner

SOMETIMES, THE Ben Folds Five who are, of course, a trio - try too hard for the chuckle, even when (as with their name) it's not really that funny. Take the album title; when they named it thus, it's claimed, they had not heard of the famous mountaineer called Reinhold Messner, for them, the name apparently refers to a popular fake ID used by Arizona teens to buy alcohol illegally. That's all - there's no obvious connection between the album title and the 11 songs. no ironical or punning entendre, just an in-joke that's not even amusing. It's the same with their material - these t1 tracks aren't really songs at all, they're conceits. Admittedly, the subject matter doesn't shirk such thorny themes as emotional evasion, deceit and mid-life disillusion, but musically, they try too hard to render pop as light opera, with Folds cycling through his repertoire of party-pieces, mixing in references to Ray Charles and La Bamba almost as touchstones of authenticity; before ladling on the strings as misguided evidence of artistic ambition.



ELECTRONIC
Twisted Tenderness
Extended

ON PREVIOUS albums, Electronic has come across as a half-way bouse between the duo's contributory influences of neat, understated dance-pop and tougher, guitar-based rock. Twisted Tenderness is an appreciably more unified effort, but while the beavier rock stylings lead you to surmise that Johnny Marr exercises some hegemony over the band's sound, the fact that the album gets darker as it proceeds. eventually concluding in the Gothic gloom of "Flicker", means that Bernard Summer comes closer to his Joy Division origins than at any time in the past 18 years or so. "Make it Happen" is typical: a guitar wah-wahs lazily from speaker to speaker, while a rocky breakbeat bruised with synthetic percussion underscores Sumner's positive-thinking lyric. It's routine anthemic rock, albeit with a contemporary texture - I was reminded of Bowie's Nineties output. while the Arabic vocal drone, backward guitar, heavy drums and splashy cymbals of "Prodigal Son" recalled Page & Plant's last record. Eventually, I suppose, all streams join the same big river



THE LILAC TIME
Looking for a Day in the Night
Cooking Viryi

THE DUFFY brothers' reformation album is like a more reserved, anglicised version of the Jayhawks' 1997 comeback Sound of Lies, involving much the same raking over of domestic and career travails to try to clear the air. The result is a midlife-crisis work of admirably positive outlook, with songs such as "A Dream That We All Share" and "A Day in the Night' regarding the past resignedly with wistful or cynical gaze --life is cheap, keep the receipt and I can claim it back pal" - while seeking closure in the warmth of the music, which dabs at such sentiments with featherbed country-rock textures. Stephen Duffy reflects with mordant humour on his departure from BMG ("All Over Again"), giumly ponders a relationship that's drifting slowly apart ("Back in the Car Park") and muses upon true family values ("The Family Coach"), exhibiting the values of songeraft routinely ascribed to such as Preiab Sprout, an impression emphasised by the way his voice and Claire Worrall's combine in such modest intimacy. Best line: "You'll make her misunderstand you're misunderstood".



THE FUTURE PILOT AKA
The Future Pilot AKA vs
A Galaxy of Sound

IT'S AN obvious fact, but it needs restating: the most significant change in recent pop history has been effected by the emancipation of recording technology. You no longer need to dream of "getting a deal" or contemplate trudging round the nation's toilets playing to three men and a dog. Just sit at your computer and make it up yourself. The odds are that it'll be a sight more enjoyable than the flaccid pub-rock that currently passes for live entertainment. This is brought into stark relief on this double CD from The Future Pilot AKA, aka ex-Soup Dragon/ BMX Bandit Sushill K Dade, whose Galaxy of Sound incorporates collaborations with such as Brix Smith, Alan Vega, Cornershop, Kim Fowley and the Pastels - in other words, the kind of rock lags you'd think twice about attending a gig by In consort with The Future Pilot, though, this diverse crew take on an appealing, oddly homogeneous sheen, most movingly on the pieces that partner Dade with the lesser-known likes of Bill Wells and Suckmonster: the latter's lilting ethno-forgery, "Japan", in particular, is exquisite.

Madchester united in the mire

DEBAUCHED, BOORISH, and

up for a good time all the time, the Happy Mondays were the cream of Madchester. Legend

has it that they bought most of

their equipment with the

proceeds of ecstasy sales at the



Pop's lost saviour? Shaun Ryder

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Hacienda club, and frontman Shaun Ryder - think Andy Capp on smack - personified the anti new-man stance on which Located magazine was founded.

Adrian Dennis

Logded magazine was founded.

While it tended to be the drug cocktails and the Jacuzzi shots with page-three stunnas which made the papers, the music was often as special as Ryder's rants were quotable. By

BRIXTON ACADEMY LONDON simply doing what came naturally. The Mondays forged an innovative, funky and irreverent

LIVE

HAPPY MONDAYS

sound which reached its commercial zenith on their much lauded 1990 album Pilla N Thrills And Bellyuches. Given that this reunion tour - six years after they fizzled to a drug-fugged halt - was inspired by tax bill demands rather than a love of treading

Others had praised the band's honesty about their motives, and seemed glad to grant them one last blag at everybody else's expense.

When the curtain came up at the Academy, they were greeted like pop's lost saviours, and the crowd began dancing en masse. The dilated pupils of the

couple to my right confirmed

that although The Mondays

ed a rock'n'roll pantomime.

might have curtailed their class A intake, their audience has not. The PA mix was extremely muddy. Bass-player Paul Ryder might as well have been playing a tractor tyre inner-tube,

and his brother Shaun's lyrics

were often reduced to an indistinct rumble. Visually, they
were better value for money.
Buxom backing-vocalist
Rowenta lashed playfully at
the front row with her whip,
while Bez, the band's maracawielding mascot, soon dispensed with his top hat and
cane and began his trademark
freaky dancing. Bez is undoubtedly the dynamo that
lights up the Monday's on-

stage party.

We got "Hallelujah", "Kinky Afro" and "Step On". Through the mire, the beats and tunes still sounded vital, but at times you felt like you were watching a tribute band or a high-powered karaoke night. In between songs Ryder came on like he had Tourette's, "fookin" his way through a selection of slurred rants and insults. He mumbled something about Elvis, then we got a verse and a chorus of "Suspicious Minds". It didn't work.

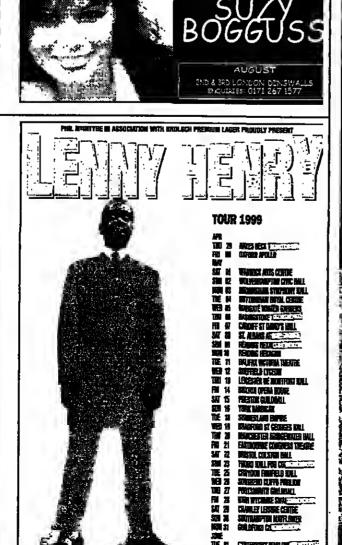
This was a somewhat slapdash performance which relied on former glories. The autocues for lyrics suggested that rehearsal time had been minimal and I think most of us could have done without Ryder's paedophile joke (I'll spare you the details). They might be great when their straight, but when they're strapped? Nah.

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